

Mrs. G. N. Jackson's "Plea for Mission Bands" was an earnest appeal for the faithful mothering of these nurseries by our Woman's Missionary Society. Miss McAllister followed with an address on Africa, full of stern truths and a vigorous call for consecrated silver.

The prize banner, presented to the Branch, by Mrs. (Senator) Sanford, Hamilton, was awarded to St. Paul Street Band, St. Catharines.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Fergus; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton; 3rd Vice-president, Mrs. Sharp, Brantford; Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Guelph; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gayfer, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, Galt; Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. G. N. Jackson, Hamilton; Auditor, Mr. Cober, Galt. Conference Organizer, Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Conference Representative, Mrs. Mitchell, Milton.

The next year's Convention will be held in Hamilton. The delegates elected to the General Board were: Mrs. Mitchell, Milton; Mrs. Gayfer, Hamilton; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. G. N. Jackson, Hamilton; Mrs. R. T. Williams, Galt. Alternates—Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph. The district organizers remain unchanged until their respective district meetings.

The Committee on Courtesies, through Mrs. Crawford, expressed their appreciation of every favor and kindness shown to the Convention.

London Conference Branch.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, ST. THOMAS, OCT. 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD, 1895.

The First Session opened at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas., President, in the chair, and an attendance of 88 delegates and a large number of visitors from the outlying districts.

After devotions and routine business a tender and solemn memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Chown, of Wyoming. The following members have been called to their reward, the fragrance of whose life and work still lingers with us. Mesdames C. Snell and R. Manning, Exeter; F. Somers, St. Mary's; J. Fleming, London; J. Leech, Gorrie; S. Hunt, Westminster; A. Sinclair, Ridgetown; Haywood, May, and Scarlet, Clinton; McKee, West and Meyers, Listowel; Thompson, Dunham and Rosevear, St. Thomas; Miss Bertha Heritage, London West.

The Afternoon Session closed with the communion, administered by Rev. Dr. Hannon and Rev. C. T. Scott, of St. Thomas, and A. Cunningham of London.

The Evening Session was well attended, the programme being in the hands of the ladies.

The Rev. J. E. Hunter and R. McNair opened the session with Bible reading and prayer, followed by the President's address. This was a thoughtful and practical review of the Woman's Missionary Society, its operations, aims and rewards. Mrs. Burns closed with an earnest appeal for co-operation from the women of the Church at large.

Addresses of welcome and greetings from sister societies were showered down upon the delegates in such profusion and with such affectionate intent, that it is impossible to touch individually upon those presented. All denominations vied with each other to express to the Convention their pleasure that St. Thomas had been honored by the presence of the delegates in their midst. Suitable and kindly responses were made.

The report of the Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cunningham, was given briefly as follows: Number of auxiliaries, eighty-six; annual members, 1,887; life members, seventy-seven, total 1,964; Mission Bands twenty-two; amount raised, \$5,169.89, sent to General Treasurer \$5,028.09. Report adopted.

Mrs. Edwards, of the St. Clair Reserve, followed with a graphic recital of work among the Indians who are of the Ojibway tribe. The audience manifested their interest by frequent applause, while laughter and tears followed in quick succession at the touches of humor and pathos.

Wednesday morning's session was occupied with com-

mittee work. As the memorials will reappear in the proceedings of the General Board Woman's Missionary Society, the decisions are summarized.

Notices of motion *re* Mission Band Constitution. These have already been published in the OUTLOOK. The vote was affirmative in each case.

Notices of motion to change the basis of representation to Branch and Board meetings were rejected.

Notice of motion to establish a Superannuation Fund for missionaries was rejected.

The following emanating from this Branch was carried:

Resolved,—That in view of the fact that a memorial will be sent from a sister branch, asking the Board of Managers—with the approval of the General Society—to open work in Africa, this Branch supports the prayer of the memorial. Moved by Mrs. Dickson, seconded by Mrs. Fowler.

In response to a letter from the Literature Committee, asking for an expression as to continuing the publication of the programme in the *Monthly Leaflet*, the following resolution was received, being a re-arrangement of one presented by the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas:

Resolved,—That this Branch petition the Board to continue the suggested programme and favor its publication in yearly form, as recommended by St. Thomas First Methodist Church. A resolution from the same church asking for a financial share in the OUTLOOK was rejected, but a committee, consisting of Mesdames Cunningham and Daly, was appointed to ascertain the number of members in this Branch who are subscribers to the OUTLOOK.

A letter from Miss Smith regarding the *Palm Branch* received favorable attention; it was also resolved to do all in our power to favor the sale of the work sent from the Kanazawa Industrial School.

The following were ordered as by-laws of this Branch:

1. That District Organizers be *ex-officio* members of the Branch Meeting, and have all the privileges of delegates and expenses paid by the Branch Treasurer.

2. That any General Board Officer of the Woman's Missionary Society resident in the Branch be a member of the Branch meeting, with all the privileges of the Convention and expenses paid by the Branch Treasurer.

3. That the Conference Organizer's expenses be paid by the Branch.

A letter from Faith Fenton, editor of the *Home Journal*, was read, requesting a monthly report of our Society's work; Mrs. John Chapman, London, was appointed correspondent.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Bond, Seaforth, Conference Organizer, gave her report, the following being a summary: In the London Conference there are 158 Stations and Circuits, and 25 Missions. On 86 of these we have one or more Auxiliaries, leaving 97 unorganized. Eight Auxiliaries have been organized, viz.: Ridgetown, Wesley, Centenary, Alvinston, Thedford, Sparta, Yarmouth Centre, and Clandeboye Nursery; two have disbanded—Luton and Tuckersmith. Seven districts have held conventions. Adopted.

This report was followed by a paper on Auxiliary work by Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia. The discussion ensuing elicited many valuable suggestions as to methods, etc.

Miss Wigle, our Missionary designate, Mrs. Wright, our Editor, and several ministers were introduced to the Convention, and expressed their interest in the work, and kind wishes for future progress. Miss Wigle gave a Bible reading from John xv.

On Wednesday evening a delightful reception was tendered the delegates by the Principal and Faculty of Alma College. The spacious building was thrown open for inspection, and a short and sweet programme of music and recitations rendered by the students in the college chapel, refreshments being served in the class-rooms.

Thursday morning's session included the Corresponding Secretary's report in detail, and that of the Treasurer, Mrs. Gardiner, of Chatham. The amount received during the year was \$5,169.59. Remitted General Treasurer, \$5,028.09. Adopted.

Mrs. Daly, Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands, reports as follows: Twenty-two, six being new ones; number of members, 818. Amount sent through auxiliaries, \$1,086.18. Details were also given. Report adopted.