

close in the spring, instead of the fall as at present, was defeated.

Notice of motion was given by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, N.S., that Article V., section 1, of the constitution be amended so that delegates to the Board of Managers be elected in the proportion of one to every six hundred members, instead of four hundred as at present.

In the evening the pastors of the Division Street and King Street churches kindly withdrew their prayer-meetings and joined with the Woman's Missionary Society in a thanksgiving and memorial service, which was conducted by Mrs. Whiston. The latter service was in memory of Miss Hannah Lund, of Woodstock, one of the Society's missionaries to Japan, who died during the year while home on furlough. A beautiful tribute to Miss Lund's character was read by Mrs. Jackson, of Caledonia, and a number of others testified to their knowledge of the Christ-like character of her work. In addition to the four lady missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Odum and Beal, formerly of Tokyo, were present, and all spoke of her as a noble, good woman, loved by the Japanese, and eminently successful in her work among them.

FOURTH DAY.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Burns, President of the Western Branch.

The following appropriations were made: Japan, \$16,116; French Work, \$5,014; China, \$2,550; Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, \$1,580; New Worker for China, \$800; New building in China, \$2,000; New building in China (from Thank-offering) \$500; New building in Shizuoka, Japan, \$2,500; Addition to building in Kanazawa, Japan, \$200; Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland, \$500; Literature Committee, \$500.

Some of the estimates for Indian work were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, to report to the Executive Committee, who will complete the appropriations for that work.

The Executive was empowered to send another medical lady, a teacher and a nurse to China as soon as they thought it advisable; also, with Dr. Bolton's assistance, to secure an additional nurse for Port Simpson Hospital.

A committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the Methodist Young People's Association, to confer on matters relating to Mission Bands and Epworth Leagues. It consists of Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Wright, of London; Mrs. George Jackson, of Hamilton; Mrs. Bascom and Miss Sutcliffe, of Toronto.

The committee to prepare the Annual Report is as follows: Mesdames Strachan, Willmott, Briggs and Thompson.

The following ladies form the Literature and Publication Committee: Mesdames Bascom, McKay, Willmott, Croft, Hamilton and Langford; Misses Ogden, McCallum and Firstbrook.

A committee was appointed to take charge of industrial work sent from Japan, consisting of Mrs. U. Ogden, Mrs. J. J. Maclaren and Mrs. Kerr.

It was proposed by Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, "That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society affiliate with the National Council of Women of Canada, and grant permission to the branches to affiliate with local councils." This was opposed in a strong speech by Mrs. Dickson, of London, and after an animated discussion the resolution was defeated.

The following resolution was proposed by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax, and carried: "While it is not deemed expedient for the Woman's Missionary Society to affiliate with the National Council of the Women of Canada, yet, as a part of the Christian womanhood of our Dominion, we express our appreciation of Lady Aberdeen's true womanly influence, and that the wife of our Governor-General so beautifully exemplifies Tennyson's words, 'Kind hearts are more than coronets.'"

The action of the Western Branch in dividing into the London and Hamilton Branches was confirmed. The president of the Eastern Branch announced the change of name of that branch to Montreal Conference Branch.

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Belleville; Recording Secre-

tary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Toronto; Editor of department in OUTLOOK, Mrs. S. R. Wright, London; *Guardian*, Miss Firstbrook, Toronto; Correspondent for *Onward*, Miss Wiswall, Farmington, N.S.; *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston, Halifax; of the *Palm Branch*, Miss Smith, St. John, N.B.

The Committee on Japanese Affairs was elected by ballot as follows: Mrs. Gooderham, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Carman, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Dickson.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the pastor of the church, Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L., for his kind attention and hearty co-operation; to the trustees; to the choir; to the ladies of the two auxiliaries, for the magnificent reception tendered by them; and to the hostesses, for their kind and lavish hospitality—all of which were carried by a standing vote.

The Committee on Courtesies also submitted the following letter of greeting to the missionaries of the Society, which was very heartily adopted:

To the Thirty-two Missionaries of the W.M.S., which are Scattered Abroad, greeting:

We, the members of the Board of Managers, desire to express our high appreciation of your "labors more abundant" on the mission field.

We have watched with intense interest every step of your way—noting the nobility of action displayed, the self-denying devotion manifested, and the heroic courage shown by you in overcoming difficulties to human eye insurmountable. But thanks be unto God, which hath given you the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We extend to you our hearty sympathy in the severing of every home tie, and in the complete isolation from the old life in the dear home land, which was so replete with sanctuary privileges and early friendships; and in entering upon this new life, with its many privations, its arduous toil and its intense longings. But we call to your remembrance that,

"He who hath never a conflict
Hath never a victor's palm,
And only the toilers know
The sweetness of rest and calm."

As we sympathize with you in your daily conflicts and trials, so we rejoice with you in every triumph and success, and we assure you that our earnest prayers will continue to ascend to our Father, and your Father, that His benediction and richest blessing may follow you in your work of faith and labor of love.

Finally, beloved workers, we greet you with this salutation and prayer:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Whiston, of Halifax.

Mrs. Hampton's Christmas Gift.

THE little Auxiliary at Bartonville had held a wonderful December meeting. Perhaps, why it was called "wonderful" might have been difficult for some to have defined; it was not so in point of attendance, for only twelve were present; neither was it such a success financially, for only two dollars was given in their Christmas Thank-offering-collection; but there was no mistaking the fact that an intense feeling of interest in missions had been aroused among at least those present.

The President had been a duly elected representative to the Branch meeting held the previous October, and had returned brimful of missionary enthusiasm, recognizing as never before the need for immediate practical help on the part of those desirous of hastening the coming of Christ's Kingdom to every benighted heart. She had hoped much from her report which had been given at the November meeting, but evidently it had not aroused the members. Day after day she laid the mat-