

each Auxiliary and Mission Band was to be reported in the annual statement. An interesting feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. Smith, a returned missionary of the American Board, who gave us a pleasing and instructive account of their work in Ahmednugger, Southern India. A solo sung by Miss Mortimer was much enjoyed. After the collection was taken, which amounted to \$13.30, we were very kindly entertained to tea by the ladies of Aurora.

MARGARET CRAIG, *Secretary pro tem.*

BARRIE.—The tenth annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial Society was held in Barrie, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 27th and 28th. The 91 delegates registered represented all the branches with two exceptions. Reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands showed gratifying progress. The President, Mrs. P. N. Grant, Orillia, gave her address, which was thoughtful and full of points for our benefit. Greetings were received from the Baptist and Methodist Societies, and kindly greetings were exchanged with the Anglican Missionary Society of Toronto Diocese then in session at Trinity Church. Mrs. McKinnell, of Orillia, followed with an excellent paper on "Perseverance Amid Difficulties." Twenty-eight Auxiliaries and nineteen Mission Bands, in all forty-seven branches, were reported, four of these have been organized during the year. The general tone of the reports was highly satisfactory. The Thank-offering services had been specially interesting. 549 LETTER LEAFLETS had been circulated; 1,300 lbs. of clothing, valued at \$551, had been forwarded to North-West. This department of work had been more than usually successful during the year. The financial statement was the most gratifying ever presented from this Society, showing \$1,453.17 in contributions, an increase of \$205 over last year, notwithstanding the period of depression. Surely, the "Lord of Hosts" is working in the hearts of our women. Mrs. McCrae, of Collingwood, gave an excellent address upon "Ways, Means and Motives of our Work." Mrs. J. G. Scott sang with much acceptance "A Song of Trust," after which, Miss McKenzie (late of Honan) gave an interesting talk on Honan. "The Children's Hour," one of the most interesting features of the day, was ably conducted by Mrs. Moodie. The ready response to questions asked the Juvenile Band of Barrie, showed how well children can be trained in church and mission work. Miss Isa Scott sang sweetly, "Open the door for the children." Specially interesting was it when Miss L. Stevenson recited the exact route by rail, steamers taken, changes made, incident to a journey from Barrie to H'sin Chen,