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## Eighth Annual Meeting of the Western Branch Women's Missionary Soc'y.

Report read before Mission Band by  
MISS CLARA I. KNIGHT.

TUESDAY, Oct. 7th, ushered in another very forbidding and apparently worthy successor to the preceding day. The clouds were heavy with rain and our proposed visit to the Convention seemed to wear rather a gloomy prospect, however, as all arrangements were made with the 9:5 express, we were on our way. As the train proceeded westward, at each stopping place we were reinforced by more blue ribbons until the cars had the appearance of a general reception room, so cordial were the greetings of old friends.

To the universal satisfaction of all, by the time we had reached our destination the sun was shining and we were soon escorted to homes by kind hostesses. Not only were the finest homes in Chatham opened to us but we were taken to the hearts of the people who showed us every possible attention, as sisters of one great family.

The Convention assembled at 2.30 p. m. on Tuesday, October 7th. The opening service was made up of the usual preliminaries, roll-call of delegates and appointment of a nominating committee. This committee, after meeting, reported the whole convention divided into three sections, viz.—Committee on Modes of Work, Memorials and Resolutions, and Courtesies. At 6 p. m. the Chatham ladies gave a delightful reception in the lecture room where two hours were spent in social intercourse and the discussion of an elegant tea. The evening was devoted to addresses of welcome with appropriate replies and the reception of delegates from sister societies which was a pleasant and cheering part of the programme. The Baptist, Presbyterian and English churches were ably represented and the methods of work in the several churches were brought plainly before us.

It may not be well known among the Mission Band members that their delegates have no voice in the Convention. They are billeted, read their reports and gather what they can from the reports of others. At present this is the standing of the Mission Band delegates.

The modes of work committee reported the following resolutions with respect to Mission Bands or Circles. "That all programs of entertainment prepared by mission circles be submitted to the president and officers of the auxiliary before its completion and at as early a date as possible." "That all entertainments given by Auxiliaries, Mission Bands or Circles be in keeping with the objects of our society." "That an order of exercises for Mission Bands be prepared." "That Mrs. Cunningham, Galt, be asked to explain more fully, through the columns of *Outlook*, a plan for extending Mission Band work and increasing membership in Sabbath Schools"

We had one object only in view in attending the Convention, which was to gather from the modes of work suggested, material for the work of another year. Whenever anything was read that appeared to be of practical use, we made a note of the appearance of the delegate and made plans where-