

Mrs. Stacy, of St. Thomas, gave a short but forcible paper on the wide field of education and influence open to well conducted Mission Bands. Several practical suggestions were offered to insure successful work. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, then read some very interesting descriptive letters on industrial and school life at the Macdougall Orphanage, N.W.T., towards which the Society granted \$1,000 a year. The hopeful features as well as the discouragements were fully set forth and the need of faithful, loving work was pointed out. The Orphanage was still \$1,975.53 in debt on its buildings, but its income was exceeding its annual expenditure and that it was being reduced year by year. The Government Inspector had complimented their school very highly.

A motion was passed recommending that the number of delegates to the Central Board from the Central and Western Branches be on the basis of one per every 200 members, instead of one for every 100, as at present. This year's delegation, eighteen, was thought too large.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Guelph ladies for their hospitality, to the trustees and choir, to the ladies who had contributed papers, and the press, after which a very pleasant and instructive two day's meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology, and prayer by Rev. N. R. Willoughby.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Branch met in Carlton Street Church, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. Mrs. Dr. Williams, President, in the chair.

About sixty delegates were present from various parts of the Bay of Quinte and Toronto Conferences.

During the afternoon of Tuesday, Miss Cartmell gave an interesting address on the lives and customs of the women in Japan.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. Hunter presiding. An address of welcome to the delegates was read by Mrs. McKay, President of the Carlton Street Auxiliary, and responded to by Mrs. J. C. Sherin, Lakefield.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read, stating that there are eighty-three Societies in this Branch, fifty-three Auxiliaries and thirty Mission Bands. Fifteen new Auxiliaries and thirteen Mission Bands having been organized during the year. The Treasurer reported the total income of the Branch to be \$6,490.23.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Williams, Dr. Parker and Rev. C. Watson. During the evening an organ solo was rendered by Miss K. Kerr, and a vocal solo by Miss McCallum.

Wednesday morning's session closed with one hour for testimonies. At this meeting a lady gave \$25 as a thank-offering. A paper prepared by Miss Reid, Belleville, was read by Mrs. Dr. Carman during the afternoon session. It contained many practical suggestions as to how Mission Bands may be made successful.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Starr, Victoria, B.C., gave an interesting account of the working of the "Rescue Home" for Chinese girls.

The Convention closed on October 5th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Dr. Williams; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Gooderham, Mrs. Dr. Carman and Mrs. D. Kerr; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Briggs; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Thompson.

The following delegates were elected for General Board: Mesdames Blackstock, Aikins, McKay, Tyner, Ogden, W.

J. Hunter, Dr. Parker, Gundy, Hillock, Willmott, Bascom, Massey, Weldon, J. Lewis, J. H. Locke and Miss Wilkes. Alternates, Mrs. Maybee and Mrs. Hoar.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY GENERAL BOARD.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was opened in the parlors of the Metropolitan Church on Tuesday morning, October 16th, Mrs. James Gooderham, the President, in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Williams, President of the Central Branch, and Mrs. John Ross, of Montreal. A letter was received from Mrs. Addie Chisholm, Recording Secretary, regretting her inability to be present, and stating that she could not accept any office for the incoming year. Mrs. Dr. Willmott was elected Secretary *pro tem*. After calling the roll, reading the minutes of the Executive Committee, and completing the routine work of organization, reports were received from the various branches, in substance as follows:

Western Branch—Mrs. Cunningham, Secretary; 23 new Auxiliaries formed making a total of 68 Auxiliaries and 21 Mission Bands, with adult membership of 1,717 and Mission Band membership of 581. Receipts, \$5,939.35.

Central Branch—Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Secretary; 16 new Auxiliaries and 14 new Mission Bands, making totals of 53 and 30 respectively. Total membership, 2,605; receipts, \$6,490.33, an increase of \$1,879.69 over last year.

Eastern Branch—Mrs. T. G. Williams, Secretary; Auxiliary membership, 740; Mission Band members, 197; receipts, \$2,375.58, an increase of \$378.47.

Nova Scotia Branch—Miss Whiston, Secretary; Auxiliaries, 26, an increase of 5; Mission Bands, 14, an increase of 7; total membership, 1,049; income, \$2,297.92, an increase of \$246.10.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch—Mrs. Palmer, Secretary; Auxiliaries 28, increase of 21; membership, 668, an increase of 456; Mission Bands, 193, an increase of 135; membership, 876, an increase of 603; income, \$1,605.84, an increase of \$976.21.

The following delegates were present:

Officers—Mrs. James Gooderham, President, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Carman, Vice-President, Belleville; Mrs. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, Hamilton; Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, Treasurer, Hamilton.

Western Branch—Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; Mrs. A. Cunningham, Galt; Mrs. Russ, Woodstock; Mrs. Langford, London; Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. McMechan; Mrs. Philps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Woodsworth, Brantford; Mrs. T. M. Campbell, St. Mary's; Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford; Mrs. Leach, Goderich.

Central Branch—Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Blackstock, Mrs. Dr. Aikins, Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Hillock, Mrs. Gundy, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. W. W. Ogden, Mrs. Dr. Parker, Miss Wilks, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, Toronto; Mrs. Locke, Collingwood; Mrs. Weldon, Lindsay; Mrs. Massey, Sidney; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. Lewis, Belleville.

Eastern Branch—Mrs. W. E. Ross, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Mrs. John Cowan, Mrs. Dr. Antliff, Montreal; Mrs. Dunlop, Pembroke; Mrs. A. Rockwell, Kingston; Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. White, Brockville.

Nova Scotia Branch—Mrs. W. T. MacCoy, Halifax.