

the Executive Committee has considered to limit the time for each Auxiliary report to two minutes, and for reports of organizers to five minutes. Auxiliaries will be called in alphabetical order, and delegates will please be prepared to respond promptly.

F. T., *Recording Secretary.*

#### EASTERN BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the Branch will be held in Morrisburg, Wednesday, October 1st, beginning at 2.30 o'clock, continuing the day following.

#### FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

PORTLAND (St. John).—In looking back over the past two years we are glad to be in a position to report increase in interest in woman's work among women, and also in names enrolled. At present we number about forty-eight against twenty-nine in 1889. Some have left the city, others grown tired of the work, and two have "fallen asleep." We miss our dear sisters very much. Mrs. Ritchie died last April, and Mrs. Pratt during the present month. Their removal reminds us that we "must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work;" but notwithstanding the break in our ranks, we are increasing in numbers, and we had the pleasure of enrolling four names at our last monthly meeting. We held regular monthly meetings since our organization, our President, Miss Jordan, being with us with but two exceptions, owing to illness. We held public meetings as often as practicable, and although we are not financially what we would be, yet the outlook is encouraging. Last winter was particularly trying, owing to sickness. We have in our Auxiliary an efficient staff of officers, a committee for general work, and a visiting committee, so that our members are well looked after. We subscribe for sixteen copies of the *OUTLOOK*, with which we are very much pleased. The promptness with which Miss Wilkes forwards the leaflet letters enables us to distribute them before or at the time of our monthly meetings. Several of our ladies have been working the past three months on a five cent investment. We expect to hear from them at our mite-box opening, which we propose holding next Wednesday, September 3rd.

JEANNIE HENDERSON, *Cor. Sec.*

PARKDALE.—At the May meeting of the Parkdale Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Saskatoon appeal was brought up, when it was carried unanimously to send \$10 to its relief, the amount to be made up by private contributions from the members. One lady, whose son lives there, gave \$5, and the other \$5 was speedily made up by the members present. It is not only vivid in the memory of our oldest members, but some of our younger ones brought up in our own Ontario can distinctly remember the old log school-house, with its plank seats and desks ranged round the wall, which did duty for a church less than a quarter of a century ago. Be it far from us to find fault with the constitution of a society already overtaxed, which provides only for the building of churches for the heathen who know not God, yet in our zeal for the poor Indian, let us not forget the nearer relation of our white brothers and sisters in that land. Allow me to quote the words of a returned North-West missionary of a sister church, who preached in our city a few months ago. He said it seemed to him, and to the other missionaries of the white population there, that the motto of the different Woman's Missionary Societies was: "As for us and our house, we will serve the *heathen*." Dear sisters, I write

this, not in a fault-finding spirit, nor yet in the interest of this particular mission of Saskatoon, but that we may treat with *charity* as well as with *prudence* the numerous future appeals which the sisters fear will be showered upon us.

MRS. E. A. STEVENS, *Cor. Sec.*

BELLEVILLE (Bridge Street).—We held our first evening open meeting on Tuesday, September 9th. We called our entertainment a "Missionary Social," and many responded to our invitation, and came out to hear about our work and our needs. Mrs. Lewis, our retiring President, acted as chairman; Mrs. C. H. Elliott read a paper upon the French work; Mrs. Wm. Johnson gave an address upon the Indian, and Mrs. Dr. Carman, the Japan work. Mrs. Flint read a paper upon what she saw and heard during her visit to Victoria. During the evening, Mrs. Geary and Miss Yeomans gave a vocal duet, and Miss Richardson two solos; the children of the infant class also brightened the evening by giving two or three of their "motion songs," under the leadership of Miss Minnie Jones. At the close of the programme, coffee and cake were passed around; then followed the benediction, by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Cobourg, after which we dispersed, feeling we had spent a most enjoyable evening.

ELIZA J. FLINT, *Cor. Sec.*

NORWICH (September 2nd, 1890).—We are very thankful to note a growing interest in missionary work in our Society; our membership is increasing, and we expect our Treasurer's report will show some advance over last year. On the 27th of last month we held our entertainment in the lecture-room of the Church. The programme was enlivened with the addition of ten young girls in costume, who gave the Missionary exercise, entitled, "Sowing Light," which was well received. After the reading of "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," our mite-boxes were opened; each one contained a text of Scripture, which was read, with the amount enclosed. Recitations and music followed, after which refreshments were served. A half-hour spent in social chat, and then the singing by all of the good old Doxology brought the entertainment to a close. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$22.00.

S. BATTY, *Cor. Sec.*

MOUNT ALBERT.—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in this village in February, 1890, by Mrs. Crosby, of Uxbridge, with a membership of twenty-four. Notwithstanding the removal of two of our members, our books still show an increase of eight. Although we are not doing all we desire, we are progressing slowly, and with our great Captain at the helm, we trust will continue so. Taking advantage of the presence of the ministers attending the Financial District Meeting at Mount Albert, we held a public meeting on the evening of August 13th. After the rendering of an excellent programme (consisting of short but enthusiastic speeches by some of the visiting ministers, and choice music by the choir), refreshments were served by the young ladies of the Auxiliary. Proceeds of the evening \$12.80, five of which were sent to assist in the rebuilding of the church in Tokyo. Total amount raised during the quarter, \$19.30. We have eleven subscribers for the *OUTLOOK*.

ANNIE ANDERSON, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. JOHN'S WEST.—Taking it for granted that you would like to hear something of this ancient colony since our French Shore question has begun to make us known, I will try to let you know something of a question of deeper interest to you. We held our seventh annual meeting of