

responding, and the committees retired for work till noon. The committee on modes of work recommended, first, that where two bands are organized, the older class of young people should be called a Mission Circle, the younger, a Mission Band; second, that a form of report suitable for Mission Circles be prepared; third, that the children in bands where a fee of twenty-five cents is not charged cannot be members of the Women's Missionary Society; their money must be handed in as a donation. All money raised for any special object of work must be sent by the branch treasurer. A delegate spoke of her circle having kept a Bible woman in Japan for five years. The cost of supporting a Bible woman is sixty dollars a year; fifty dollars a year supports a girl in a Home, and thirty dollars a year a child, in Japan.

Consecration service was led by Mrs. Phelps, and opened with the hymn,—“Take my life, and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.”

Many gave their experiences.

When the Mission Band reports were being read, we noticed frequent mention of public meetings being held, at which readings on missionary work formed a part of the programme. Sewing meetings were spoken of, the young ladies making clothing and quilts for mission fields. The Centenary Mission Circle made eight comforters for the McDougall Orphanage.

During a “Conversation on Missions” Mrs. Wright spoke of the spreading of missionary news. She advised having public meetings, where the main object would be to excite interest in missions by informing the people of the work and the great need of help.

Rev. Mr. Courtice of London lectured in the evening on China. Every third birth in the world occurs in China, 33,000 people die there daily (equal to burying New York City in a month). The people are liberal when necessity demands; \$18,000 was sent by the Chinamen of San Francisco to the Johnstown sufferers. The girls of the Rescue Home there raised thirty-two dollars for missions. China is the citadel of heathenism. Protestant missions first opened there in 1807; after seven years there was one conversion; in 1841 there were forty-one missionaries there, and in 1860 all China was open for missionary work. In 1847 a Kingston lady gave one hundred dollars for China; this was laid away to await more. Rev. Messrs Kibert and Harbard sent word that they were ready to go, and the money was raised. Dr. Hart is now there, also Dr. Stevenson; in all five men have been sent

by our missionary society, with \$1,000 for a dispensary. There are nine hundred and eighty-five walled cities in China, of which nine hundred and eleven have no missionaries.

Thursday morning, reports, showing an immense amount of labor, were read by the Corresponding Secretary and the Branch Treasurer. Out of one hundred and thirty-five reports, in only twenty-six did the statements of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer agree. Reports should be submitted to the President before being sent, and the only expenses to be deducted from funds are postage, delegate's expenses, and officers' books. The total membership for the Western Branch is 3,281; funds raised, \$8,239.77. We sang “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.”

In the Corresponding Secretary's report for Mission Circles, we noticed Centenary sent \$205.60; Wesley, \$98.70; First Church, \$146.01; and Simcoe Street, \$10.00.

Mission Bands reported 1,997 members, and \$1,505.69 sent to Branch Treasurer. There are forty-seven Mission Bands in the Branch.

The committee on modes of work recommended that papers, magazines, etc., be procured by circles in order to gain news of missionary work. The money for such literature must be raised aside from the regular funds.

Thursday evening was devoted largely to Mission Circles. The Bands of the Ingersoll churches were on the platform, and took part in the programme. Miss Dickson, corresponding secretary for Circles, gave hints on the work. “Let each member try to hand in a new name and fee at each meeting. Always have a committee to arrange best methods of work. Never let the Treasurer say ‘no report’; such being the case, let the names of those having paid their fees be read, also the names of those who have not. Pray much for the work. Always have a superintendent for your committees, and arrange the work a long time ahead. Change the membership of your committees, but be careful if you change the superintendent. Never do so if it can be avoided. Have a visiting committee; call the roll at every meeting, and all absentees must be reported by the superintendent of visiting committee to the committee, and such should be called on during the month, telling items of interest in the last meeting, and informing of the date of the next meeting. Let the Circle take ‘The Heathen Woman's Friend,’ and ‘The Gospel in all Lands.’ Have a drill on