

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

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ELIZ. KENDREY, *Rec. Sec. Central Branch.*

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

A CORDIAL welcome awaited the representatives of N. S. Branch at their Tenth Annual Meeting at Hillsburg, the picturesque Switzerland of Nova Scotia. The number in Council was fifty-four. There was close and prompt attention to business. Auxiliary and Band reports showed much earnest work done, and a careful and intelligent improvement in methods. For the first time we were obliged to report decrease in income; the shadow of sorrow and bereavement is upon many individual auxiliaries; our beloved President has been called to higher services; our songs, even of thankfulness, were in the minor key. One special feature of the meeting was a memorial service conducted by Mrs. A. S. Tuttle, V.P. Mrs. Whiston gave to the Branch a message entrusted to her by the dying President, a message which showed how this work of God lay upon her heart. We had an enthusiastic public meeting on Wednesday evening, at which the pastor, Rev. J. Hale, presided. The selections of the choir were inspiring, we realized the power of sacred song. The address of the Corresponding Secretary took us again to our various missions; we note that the cords are being lengthened, and that the hand of our God is upon the labor of our consecrated missionaries for good. Mission Circle and Band work grows in importance. Mission Band evening gave a good programme to an appreciative audience. At the close Miss Sadie Hart described the Port Simpson Home and the manner of daily living there. Miss Hart's presence added much to the interest of the meeting, her graphic accounts of life amongst the Indians, showed that the elevating influence of the Gospel is felt in the homes, the gracious revival which last year swept over the Indian missions, is an earnest of the promised reaping in joy. She made an urgent appeal on behalf of the Indians in the interior. The subject of mite-boxes was well discussed. As one result of a talk on mite-boxes a thank-offering of five dollars was found on the contribution plate. At the last session a bright little fellow marched up the aisle with an envelope addressed "For a little China boy." The ten cents it contained was made the nucleus of a fund that is growing. Any sum sent to the Branch Treasurer for the "China boy" will be carefully added.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

THE annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Methodist Church, was held at Hilton on Wednesday, September 13th, 1893, with Mrs. Luxon, District Organizer, in the chair. After devotional exercises, Miss W. E. Hinman was chosen secretary.

The afternoon session opened at 2.30 with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. R. H. Leitch, of Castleton. Mrs. Phillips, of Frankford, presided at the organ. A profitable testimony meeting of half an hour was held, led by Mrs. Luxon. After music a paper was read by Mrs. Walt, on "The Benefits of Working in the Woman's Missionary Society." An address of welcome was read by Miss Fennell, and responded to by Mrs. Rev. Thomas, of Wooler. A discussion arose as to the life-members having votes at the Branch meeting. Lost on vote.

The evening mass meeting was presided over in an able manner by Rev. S. Crookshank. The choir of Hilton Church rendered a number of pieces in their usual good style. Papers were read by Mrs. Doyle, of Castleton, and Mrs. Watt, of Salem. Miss Shortt and Miss C. Fennell, of Hilton, gave recitations. Bro. H. Thomas, of Wooler, gave an address, and of course we had an address from the chair-

man. Mrs. Luxon gave the closing paper, and after the benediction all dispersed to their homes feeling that a day had been well spent.

M. POOLE, *Cor. Sec.*

Auxiliary Annual Meetings.

BRIDGE STREET, BELLEVILLE.—The Annual Meeting held in September, was both interesting and encouraging. The subjects for prayer were India and Africa, and items of interest regarding missionary work in these countries were read by several members. The President, from a map prepared for the purpose, pointed out the mission centres in Africa, which appeared as mere points of light in the midst of vast heathen darkness. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Elliot, President; Mesdames Meacham, Johnson and Baker, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Young, Recording Secretary; Miss Sawyer, Treasurer; Mrs. Vermilyea, Auditor, and the election of Mrs. W. W. Chown as Corresponding Secretary. The receipts for the year were over \$309.00; the membership 138; the average attendance at meetings, 26.

LOUISA LEWIS.

BRUSSELS.—Our Auxiliary is now entering upon its seventh year, with a very encouraging outlook. Though our membership is not so large as we desire, yet our average attendance has been good, and in all our meetings a deep interest in the work has been manifest. We have found our "Missionary Tea," which is provided by the member at whose home our meeting is held, to be not only a help financially, but to greatly assist in promoting a kind and friendly feeling among our members. In commencing this year, our pastor preached a special sermon in the interests of the W.M.S., Sunday evening, and the Wednesday evening following, a public meeting was held, at which interesting reports were given by our delegates of the Branch meeting held in Listowel, which cannot fail to be an inspiration to us. We are looking for greater success in the future, under the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father.

L. A. COBBLEDICK, *Cor. Sec.*

FREDERICTON, N.B.—Drawing to the close of another year (the sixth since our organization), and reviewing the past, we cannot but feel grateful for the progress we have made. We have now a membership of forty-five, having added six names to our roll this year, and we are glad to also report an increase in our finances of \$83.00. The entire sum raised was \$234.49, \$109.00 of which was contributed by our Mission Band. In common with so many of our sister Auxiliaries, it is our sad duty to report the death of a faithful and efficient member, Miss M. E. Smith, who early in the year, after a short, but exceedingly painful illness, was called home. Intellectually gifted, and eminent in all good works, her loss is not only felt in our Society, but by the whole Church, to which she was devotedly attached, and her life consecrated to its work. While we sadly miss her loving words of counsel and sympathy, we trust that her influence for good may long be felt among us, and though "She rests from her labors, her works do follow her."

C. H. PERLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

HOMER STREET AUXILIARY, VANCOUVER.—For '91-'92 we returned 26 active and 1 honorary member, '92-'93, 35 active and 10 honorary, with a corresponding increase in funds outside of membership fees. Our quarterly prayer-meetings are very interesting. At one, all present were delighted with the account of the work being done among the Indians adjacent to the city, and a collection of over \$6 was given to aid the workers in supplying primers, etc., for their instruction, as also board in sickness or destitution. Coming from a small Eastern Auxiliary, since my residence here it has been strongly impressed upon my mind that Vancouver is a highly-favored city in having so many celebrities of all grades passing through. Especially is this true to all interested in missionary work, the more so that Miss Wintemute's home being here extending its hospitality without stint to all outgoing and returning missionaries, thus affording opportunities of personal contact and acquaintance. We pray that we may improve our privileges by increased activity.