

Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branches.

CHILLIWHACK.

Miss Elderkin, whose resignation was accepted by the Board, very kindly remained until July, Miss Smith, of Nova Scotia, taking her place in August. Miss Somers having withdrawn, Miss Burpee, being recommended by Miss Clarke and having furnished satisfactory testimonials, was appointed sewing teacher until the annual meeting. Mrs. Strachan and Mrs. Burns were appointed to prepare rules for the government of the new Union Institute.

The Committee on Indian Work was authorized to lay before the Committee of Consultation and Finance the memorial from British Columbia, asking an extension of the work among the Indians.

CHINESE RESCUE HOME.

At the first meeting of the Committee a letter was received from Miss Leake—then on furlough—tendering her resignation. A resolution was passed expressing high appreciation of the good work done by Miss Leake in establishing the Rescue Home, regret at her resignation, and a hope that she would reconsider it. Mrs. Morrow, who was temporarily in charge, having furnished approved testimonials, was appointed matron for the year, and to have associated with her Miss Florence Wickett, of Toronto, who was recommended by the Central Branch. The improvements, sanitary and otherwise, required in the Home, have been completed at a cost of \$554.77.

The authorized petition *re* traffic in Chinese girls in British Columbia, was prepared by a Union Committee, signed by the President and Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Societies of all denominations, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and by request of the Committee was presented by our President to Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who, in a personal interview, assured her that he would give the matter his careful consideration.

CHINA.

A medical outfit being required by Dr. Gifford, it was provided for her at a cost of \$265.03. One hundred dollars each were allowed to Dr. Gifford and Miss Brackbill for house-furnishings—instruments, permanent supplies and home furnishings to be the property of the Woman's Missionary Society. Authority was given these ladies to employ a teacher of Chinese at the expense of the Society.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS.

Miss Smith, of St. John, N.B., who was appointed editor of *Our Quarterly*, having declined to accept the appointment, Mrs. Bascom, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of Central Branch, had in the intervening emergency prepared the first number. The preparation of the remaining numbers was referred to the Mission Band Cor