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BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH, 1892-93.

The second annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Central Methodist Church, New Westminster, August 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1893. Mrs. (Rev.) C. Watson, President, occupied the chair. The reports of the various Auxiliaries with the exception of two, were read and adopted, several of them being very encouraging. The President, in her annual address, which was stimulating and helpful, showed with great force how the work was being carried on in the different mission fields. Miss Clarke, of the Coqualeetza Home at Chilliwack, gave an interesting account of the work of the past year, reporting great improvement in the children. The Chinese Refuge Home, Victoria, was represented by Mrs. Morrow, who gave some instances of conversion in the Home, and of the Lord's care and help in times of great need. A chat on Japan, by Miss Wintemute, in which she gave statistics of the work, was full of interest. Rev. C. M. Tate spoke briefly of the Indian Missions, Rev. Mr. Michener of the Missions to white people, and Rev. J. C. Hicks extended fraternal greetings and wished the Woman's Missionary Society God-speed in its work.

The public meeting held on Saturday evening was presided over by Rev. J. W. Hall, pastor of the church. Mrs. Pearson gave a most cordial address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Nicolls. Mrs. J. Cunningham presented the report, in which the membership was announced as 235, of which 9 are life-members. Number of Auxiliaries, 12; amount raised, \$615.50; or \$2.68 per member. Mr. Cassidy, in Japanese costume, and Miss Cunningham gave addresses full of most interesting information on the work in Japan, while Dr. Hare, who was on his way as medical missionary to Chen-tu, in the far west of China, claimed our prayers and sympathy in his new and untried field of labor. The singing was appropriate and hearty, and the heart-stirring solo of Mrs. Robson was enjoyed by all. The cordial hospitality of the friends at New Westminster received a warm vote of thanks.

The presence at the convention of so many missionaries who were returning to their work, added greatly to the interest of the occasion. It was felt that such earnest addresses as were given by our faithful workers would lead us all to work and pray more for the great cause of Missions during the coming year.

The officers elected for the coming year were:

<i>President</i>	- - -	Mrs. Sexsmith, Eburne P.O.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) C. Watson, Vancouver.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Tate, Chilliwack.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Betts, Kamloops.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - -	Mrs. J. B. Newcombe, Vancouver.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - -	Mrs. Nicolls, Vancouver.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - -	Mrs. B. F. Wilson, Vancouver.