

Notice.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Central Branch desires to remind the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of the circular sent out in March, and the necessity for having all the votes returned as soon as possible. Will the Presidents of Auxiliaries and Bands kindly attend to this.

Little by Little.

Little by little the world grows strong,
Fighting the battles of right and wrong;
Little by little the wrong gives way:
Little by little the right has sway;
Little by little all longing souls
Struggle up nearer the shining goals.

Little by little the great rocks grew,
Long, long ago, when the world was new.
Slowly and silently, stately and free,
Cities of coral under the sea
Little by little are builded; while so
The new years come and the old years go.

Little by little all tasks are done;
So are the crowns of the faithful won,
So is heaven in our hearts begun.
Little by little the seeds we sow
Into a beautiful yield will grow.

District Meeting.

THE first District Meeting of the W. M. Society was held in Madoc, March 15th, Mrs. A. C. Maybee presiding. Despite the bad condition of the roads and the windy day, a number of delegates were present, and each seemed filled with the Spirit of God and a love for the work, and very profitable meetings were the outcome. Mrs. Sinclair, of the Presbyterian W. M. S., was present and cheered us with her sympathy in all mission work. The afternoon meeting was taken up with reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, which showed an increase in interest as well as in the work. The evening meeting was public, Rev. J. P. Wilson presiding. A cordial address of welcome was given the delegates and visitors by Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, of Madoc, and responded to by Miss Harvey, of Ivanhoe. Both were very much appreciated by the audience. Rev. J. P. Wilson gave an interesting address on the Indians of the North-West; Mrs. Maybee gave a short account of the Society's work; and a paper was read by Miss Sanderson on "Our Indians"—number, location, condition, customs, needs, etc. Both meetings were interspersed with music, and were a spiritual help to all present, and I think we have more zeal for this great work.

Madoc, Ont.

(MRS.) M. MAYBEE, Cor. Sec.

Executive Committee.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held in Toronto, beginning Monday, April 3rd. Present: Mrs. Gooderham (presiding), Mesdames Carman, Strachan, Williams, Burns, Briggs and Willmott.

Communications were received relative to the World's Woman's Congress to be held in Chicago, in May, and the Auxiliary Missionary Congress, to be held in September. The President and the Corresponding Secretary were authorized to represent our Society at the former. According to the regulations for the meeting in September, our Society will be entitled to send two officers and five delegates. In order to distribute the representation as widely as possible, it was decided that each of the six Branches should have the privilege of nominating one delegate.

A letter was read from Dr. Gifford, announcing the safe arrival of Miss Brackbill and herself in Shanghai. Some additional arrangements were made for the work in China. Medical supplies have already been forwarded.

A letter from Mr. Gardiner, of Victoria, informed the Committee that the procuress of Ah Quai (recently rescued) had applied to the courts to have her returned; but the judge gave decision—greatly to Ah Quai's delight—that she should remain in the Home. The sanitary improvements and other changes considered necessary in the Home, and referred by the Board to the Executive, were considered. It was unanimously decided that all the recommended improvements should be made.

The Secretary reported that the petition authorized to be presented to the Government *re* traffic in Chinese girls in British Columbia, had been prepared by a committee of representatives from the Woman's Missionary Societies of the different denominations and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and would be forwarded to the Minister of Customs at once.

Communications and resolutions were received from Japan regarding the work in the Hongo district, Tokyo. A sub-committee of the Committee of Consultation and Finance met with this Committee, and together they carefully considered the merits and needs of the work. The committees recognized the fact that a large sum of money had been expended by the General Society in the Hongo district, and that much of the success must come from labor among women and children; and as that department of the work was relegated to the Woman's Missionary Society by the General Conference, it was agreed to recommend the establishing (circumstances permitting) of a second centre for woman's work that will meet the needs of the churches in Hongo and adjacent districts.

A deputation from the Executive of the Methodist Young People's Association waited on the Committee and presented resolutions passed at the M. Y. P. A. Convention recently held, looking towards affiliation with the Woman's Missionary Society. A committee was appointed to meet with the Executive of the Epworth League and Young People's Association, and formulate a satisfactory basis of affiliation. The report of the committee will be published in due time.

The appointment of a medical adviser in each Branch, from whom missionary candidates shall procure their health certificates, and some additional requirements for candidates were suggested, and will be presented at the next Board meeting, as will also a recommendation to fix a time for regular meetings of the Executive.

The Committee was sorry to learn that the resolution passed at last meeting, relative to the holding of business sessions of the Board open only to delegates, had, by *not being properly understood*, caused uneasiness to some, and would like to assure such that no anxiety need be felt, as it will not take effect this year.

Invitations for the next annual meeting of the Board were received from the Auxiliaries in Guelph and in Ottawa. The invitation from the Ottawa Auxiliaries was accepted.

M. B. W., Rec. Sec.

Official Letters.

THE FRENCH WORK.

FRENCH MISSIONARY ROLL.

Miss Masten.....	French Institute, Montreal.
Miss Maynard.....	West End, "
Miss Anderson.....	" " "
Miss Runnels.....	East End, "
Mrs. Lamontagne.....	" " "
Mlle. Roy.....	St. Faustin.
Mlle. Phoenix.....	St. Theodore.

DEAR MRS. PARKER,—I have begun my first letter by giving you the names of our honored French workers. I feel as if the first place ought to be given to Mrs. Hall, wife of our highly esteemed Principal, the Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A., for although Mrs. Hall bears no official relation to our Society, yet we have no missionary, either at home or abroad, who bears a heavier responsibility or discharges more onerous duties. Boys and girls alike receive from her a mother's care, both as regards their physical and spiritual welfare, and the W. M. S. owe her all gratitude and love for the grand work she is doing in the Institute.

Next month I hope to give you an account of the closing, which takes place the end of April.