

erland and ministers of the city attending by invitation. After conversation, a resolution was passed that immediate steps be taken to organize an Association known as "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Canada." A provisional constitution was adopted and provisional officers elected from different parts of the Dominion. Correspondence with those at a distance was had, and the final organization took place in the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Nov. 8th, 1881. There had previously existed in Montreal a Ladies' Association for the evangelization of the French. This subsequently united with the Women's Missionary Society, their work being incorporated with the other plans of the Society. The late M. E. Church had also a Women's Missionary Society, and after the union of the churches the two societies became one. The first General Meeting was held in the parlor of the Centenary Church, Hamilton, Sep., 1882, at which reports were received from 20 Auxiliaries, organized during the year, showing a membership of nearly 800, with 34 life-members, and an income of \$2916.78." Since that date the work has grown steadily, God has blessed it temporally and spiritually, souls have been saved, lives of precious workers spared, favor with the people continued and increased. Many of our ministers have given valuable aid in organizing Auxiliaries on their respective Circuits, while others have thought "the time had hardly come for such a society," and have told the organizer "to wait a more convenient season."

It was with grateful hearts that we received our report for 1886-7, showing 138 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 3,849, life-members 237, also 49 Mission Bands with 1,711 members, making a total of 5,797 women, old and young, engaged in this grand work, and an income of \$14,197.51. Our work comprises the Mission in Japan, where Miss Cartmell, our pioneer missionary, began her labors in Dec., 1882. A work graciously owned and blessed of God, and through which many have been brought to a knowledge of Christ. In 1884, Miss Cartmell opened a girls' school in Azabu, Tokio. The success attending this school has been marvellous, and it has attained a high reputation. The pupils are chiefly from the higher classes, the fees covering the native expenses. It has an attendance of 245. A Bible Class is held daily, and Class Meetings every week, with an attendance of 65, 50 of whom have been converted during the year. In this Tokio