

first delivered since his return from China. The trials and persecutions suffered there by himself and his fellow-missionaries, seem only to have increased his zeal, and to have made him more than ever determined to devote his life to the salvation of the Chinese.

On Wednesday, a report was presented by Mrs. Powell, of an Organizers' Conference, which had been held on Tuesday morning. It submitted some by-laws for the guidance of District Organizers, which were adopted by the Branch:

1. That District Organizers be under the direction of the Branch Corresponding Secretary.
2. That District Organizers send in a statement of their expenses before Sept. 15th of each year.
3. That District Organizers be *ex officio* members of the Branch meeting, and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid by the Branch meeting.
4. That District Organizers be allowed five minutes to report at the Branch meeting.
5. That in every case where practicable a District Convention be held each year.
6. That all the privileges of the District Convention be open to every auxiliary member in the district.
7. That a collection be taken at the District Convention, which shall be applied to the necessary expenses of the Organizer; any deficit to be met by the Branch.
8. That the District Organizer be nominated by ballot without debate at the District Convention; in the absence of such convention, that the nominations be made by the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

Very satisfactory reports were then given by the Organizers for the following districts: Toronto East, Mrs. Powell; Toronto Central, Mrs. Locke; Toronto West, Mrs. Hamilton; Brampton District, Mrs. Cheyne; Bradford District, Mrs. McDonald; Barrie District, Mrs. Moore (for Mrs. Barker); Collingwood District, Mrs. Fowler; Bracebridge District, Mrs. Briggs (for Mrs. Groves); Orangeville District, Mrs. Stevens; Uxbridge District, Mrs. Crosby; Owen Sound District, Mrs. Garrett.

A number of memorials were presented, but as those which were accepted will appear in the report of the Board of Managers, it is not necessary to notice them here.

An animated and very interesting discussion took place on the subject of proportionate giving, many delegates bearing testimony to the blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which had come to them in "paying what they owed" to the Lord. It was unanimously decided to establish a department of systematic giving as a part of the work of the Branch, and Mrs. Garrett, of Parkdale, was elected to act as superintendent, and to bring the subject to the attention of the Auxiliaries.

A "Conference on Methods of Work in Monthly and Public Meetings," was conducted by Mrs. McKay. Short addresses or papers were given on the best way of conducting the different exercises usually engaged in at missionary meetings. Mrs. Williams spoke of the Devotional Exercises, Miss Hodgins of the Regular Business, Mrs. Winter of the Programme for Auxiliaries, and Mrs. Garrett of that for Mission Bands. "Our Treasury and its Gifts," was spoken to by Miss Keele for Auxiliaries, and by Mrs. Young for Mission Bands. In the department of public meetings, "Missionary Sunday" was ably treated by Mrs. Locke, "Missionary Prayer-Meeting" by Mrs. Main, and "Thank-offering Service" by Mrs. W. W. Ogden. The papers were very suggestive, and provoked a good deal of helpful discussion on ways of working.

On Thursday a report was given of a Mission Band rally which had been held on Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Bascom in the chair, an interesting feature of the rally having been a parliamentary drill, prepared by Mrs. Bascom.

The question drawer was taken charge of by Mrs. Ogden, who answered a large number of enquiries relative to our work.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Collingwood was received and heartily accepted.

After thanks had been voted to all who had helped to make the Convention a success, the second annual meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch was brought to a close. It was an exceedingly pleasant and profitable gathering, the only regret felt that every Auxiliary in the Branch was not

represented. So that the inspiration of the meeting might have been carried back to them by their delegates.

The officers for the year are as follows:

<i>Honorary President</i>	Mrs. J. A. Williams.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. J. B. Willmott.
<i>First Vice-President</i>	Mrs. G. P. McKay.
<i>Second</i> ".....	Mrs. Alex. Langford.
<i>Third</i> ".....	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. George Kerr.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. Wm. Briggs.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. W. W. Ogden.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Mrs. Jos. Bascom.
<i>Auditor</i>	Miss M. Wilkes.

District Organizers:

<i>Toronto East District</i>	Mrs. Powell.
<i>Toronto Central</i>	Mrs. Locke.
<i>Toronto West</i>	Mrs. Hamilton.
<i>Brampton</i>	Mrs. Cheyne.
<i>Bradford</i>	Mrs. McKay.
<i>Barrie</i>	Mrs. Gibson.
<i>Collingwood</i>	Mrs. Fowler.
<i>Bracebridge</i>	Mrs. Bray.
<i>Orangeville</i>	Mrs. Langford.
<i>Uxbridge</i>	Mrs. Crosby.
<i>Owen Sound</i>	Mrs. Boland.

E. J. KERR, *Rec. Sec.*

Report of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch.

THE tenth annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch was held in Sussex, N.B., October 1st, 1895. Clear skies, a warm welcome, and a large delegation made an auspicious opening, while the Methodist Church in which the convention met, was bright with beautiful flowers, the work of loving hands. Tuesday evening a reception service was held, when Mrs. F. W. Stockton graciously welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Auxiliary, and Rev. C. W. Hamilton cordially greeted us to the church. Mrs. Thompson, of Fredericton, responded. The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor and Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, also brought greetings, the latter by Mrs. Trites, of Sussex, whose well chosen words made us realize the unity of the work we were engaged in. Mrs. Strong, of Summerside, gave the response. Bright music and a social half hour made a fitting preparation for the sterner duties of the days that followed. Wednesday morning the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Chipman, of St. Stephen, after which the President took the chair. About fifty-six delegates were in attendance. Reports of Auxiliaries, appointment of committees, etc., came next in order. The President in her annual address made the work and workers very near, touching first upon the far off fields of China. With the aid of a map she described the scene of the riots, the locality of the stations, and the wonderful escape of our beloved missionaries. Then Japan, the Canadian fields, our own duty regarding them, the need for more earnest prayer and effort in this work for the Master. As she pled for these, our sisters in far off lands, and described the heroic way they have passed through this persecution, a sense of the tremendous responsibility came to us, and it is hoped that with deeper consecration we at home will endeavor to hold up the hands of those toilers in the harvest-fields. The reports of the general officers are always items of interest, although this year we regret that in both membership and finances our Branch has a decrease. Six new Auxiliaries, but the death of one more leaves us with 78. Life members, 76, increase of 7. Total membership, 1,551. Three new Mission Bands, but 3 being inactive, leave the number the same as last year. Band membership, 1,149. Treasurer reported amount raised, \$5,145.65; amount sent General Treasurer, \$4,966.14.

An admirable paper by Mrs. Thomas, of Baie Verte, on "Whom shall we send to Branch," was ordered to be printed in *Palm Branch*, and is commended to every member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Other papers