

urgent appeal of the editor should be brought before each circle and band, and where there is no delegate from the bands and circles that the delegates from the auxiliary be asked to see that an appointment be made. (2) The committee, recognizing the need for the personal consecration for service, recommended that bands organize for the devotional as well as for the business and literary departments of the work. Also, as a Branch we discourage the charging of admission fees, and also of giving entertainments which are not of a missionary character, and of all costuming at entertainments. (3) That the branch give notice of motion that Article 9 of the Constitution of the Mission Bands be changed to read: "Any mission band sending the sum of \$10 annually to the auxiliary treasurer or to the branch in whose bounds it is, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Branch Annual Meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the branch or election to the Board of Management, except she be a member of an auxiliary."

(To be concluded in next issue.)

TORONTO BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch was held in the Dunn Avenue Church, Parkdale, commencing Tuesday afternoon, October 2. As this was the first annual meeting since the division of the Central Branch, some of the faint-hearted feared that the comparative smallness of our numbers would have a pressing influence; but, though we missed many old friends and former fellow-workers, the meeting was pleasant and profitable. Eighty-two delegates responded to the roll call, and there was a large attendance of visitors, especially at the afternoon sessions.

The President, Mrs. Williams, occupied the chair, and the opening devotional services were conducted by Mrs. W. W. Ogden, followed by an impressive memorial service led by Mrs. Langford. The President's address contained a review of the work done and a hopeful outlook to the future, and urged the members to renewed consecration and more earnest prayer.

The Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer then presented their reports: Number of auxiliaries, 57, with a membership of 1,811, the amount sent to the General Treasurer being \$5,443. The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary reported 33 bands, with 841 members; \$816 was paid to the Branch Treasurer.

Memorials were sent on to the Board of Managers to the following effect:

1. That the names of all auxiliary members continue to be printed in the Annual Reports, and the price raised to ten cents.
2. That the auxiliaries be printed in the districts to which they belong.
3. That the time of holding the annual meetings be changed, so that the close of the missionary year may harmonize with that of the Conference year.

At the close of the Tuesday afternoon session a reception and tea were given to the delegates and friends by the hospitable ladies of the Parkdale Auxiliary, after which a public meeting was held, presided over by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Scott. Interesting addresses, interspersed with music, were given by Rev. J. Goforth, of China, and Dr. Bolton, of the Port Simpson Hospital.

On Wednesday morning the organizers' reports were presented. The by-laws of the late Central Branch were adopted, with the exception of that relating to the delegates' expenses. It was enacted: That auxiliaries provide for the expenses of the delegates to the annual branch meeting, and in making their returns to the Branch Treasurer state the net sum received and the amount paid for delegates' expenses, and transmit the balance to the Branch Treasurer; that the Branch treasurer in preparing her report credit the Auxiliaries with the full amount of their contributions, and charge the expenses of delegates to the General Fund.

On Wednesday afternoon a Mission Band Conference was presided over by Mrs. Bascom, a valuable paper, entitled "Mountain Peak Glimpses," being contributed by Miss Webber. An "open conference for discouraged

workers" was conducted by Mrs. Willmott. Many encouraging thoughts were so beautifully brought out by the leader that discouraged ones took fresh courage, and more earnest prayer and work is anticipated for the coming year than ever before. This was suitably followed by a consecration meeting, led by Mrs. Sutherland, when several in the audience consecrated themselves to missionary work, who confessed that they had hitherto comparatively little interest in it.

On Wednesday evening, Miss McGuffin held a "Round-Table" Conference, which was of much interest to mission band workers.

The election of officers took place on Thursday morning. Mrs. Williams, having announced that ill-health compelled her to retire from active work, was unanimously elected honorary president; and a resolution expressing appreciation of her invaluable services was enthusiastically carried, testifying at the same time to the warm love and respect in which she is held by every member of the Branch.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott; First Vice-President, Mrs. G. P. McKay; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Alexander Langford; Third Vice-President, Mrs. D. G. Sutherland; Rec. Sec., Mrs. George Kerr; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Briggs; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Ogden; Cor. Sec. of Mission Bands, Mrs. Bascom; Auditor, Miss M. Wilkes. Delegates to General Board, Mesdames McKay, Williams, Sutherland, Kerr, Ogden; alternates, Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Bascom.

Mrs. Byrne, President of Broadway Auxiliary, extended an invitation to the Branch to meet in Broadway Tabernacle next year, which was accepted with thanks.

After votes of thanks to the ladies of the church for their kind hospitality, to the pastor and officials, and to those who furnished the music, "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, and Mrs. Langford offered the closing prayer.

E. J. K. *Rec. Sec.*

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

THE meeting was opened Tuesday, October 2nd, 1894, at 2.30 p.m., by the President, Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, leading in Doxology and Lord's Prayer. Mrs. (Rev.) E. N. Baker, Belleville, read Isaiah xxxv., and Mrs. (Rev.) S. Sing and President led in prayer.

Recording Secretary distributed badges to delegates present.

Moved, seconded, and carried—That the Recording Secretary send greetings from this meeting to Toronto Branch now in session. Passages of Scripture selected were Deut. i. 11; 2 Peter i. 2.

Roll call of delegates then followed, and one hundred and two responded.

A very solemn memorial service was conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson commenced this service by feelingly referring to her thankful joy at the presence with us of our beloved President, who has been so long ill. A moment of silent prayer, returning thanks to the Almighty God for His goodness in restoring her, was engaged in. Tributes were paid to the departed loved ones, and eighteen of our number were reported as having crossed the river. Mrs. Wilson remarked: "Our women died well."

Minutes of the Executive meeting held in Brighton, in April last, were read and received.

The President read her Annual Address as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

This meeting of our Bay of Quinte Branch must be historic, as it is the first time we have assembled in annual session. Let us make it historic in other ways, by its being one of special spiritual power, of renewed consecration, of quickened zeal and devotedness to our Master's work thus committed to our hearts and hands.

Heart-stirring memories crowd into my mind of branch meetings in the past, when faces and voices, not with us to-day, were inspirations never to be forgotten; but even now these loved ones are in their branch meetings, they too, will miss us—and with all this comes the blessed thought that our prayers, our praises all ascend and meet