

hundred members, who meet annually to consider "the interests and demands" of the entire work of the society.

The officers of the Board of Management, with the corresponding secretary of each branch, constitute the executive, which is convened "to transact business during the year."



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First Missionary.

Branches are organized according to Conferences. This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Management present at any annual meeting of the same.

A branch is composed of those auxiliaries located within its prescribed limits. Its officers are: a president, three or more vice-presidents,

recording secretary, corresponding secretary, mission band corresponding secretary, treasurer, and an auditor, who are elected at the branch annual meeting, and continue in office until others are elected. These, with the exception of the auditor, form an executive committee for the administration of the affairs of the branch.

Branch meetings review the work of auxiliaries, circles, and bands; consider methods, recommendations, and suggestions, and elect delegates to the Board of Management. Representatives to present the work to the annual conferences are also appointed. Each branch may make its own by-laws, but may not project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the Board of Management.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women contributing at least one dollar each annually may form a society auxiliary to that branch of the Woman's Missionary Society within whose prescribed limits they may reside, by appointing a president, one or more vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer, who together constitute a local executive committee.

Auxiliary meetings are: The regular monthly call to prayer and to study of missions; quarterly meetings, when various phases of the missionary cause are presented to the congregation; and an annual business meeting, at which reports of the secretary and treasurer are adopted and forwarded to the secretary of the branch, officers for the ensuing year and delegates to the branch meeting are elected.

Mission bands and circles are the recruiting ground where the youth of Methodism is being won to an intelligent love of missions.

With wise forethought, those who were connected with this great movement in its early days planned to provide missionary literature for the better instruction of its members. To this end a page or more of the General Society's magazine, *The Missionary Outlook*, was set aside, and remained at their disposal until 1886, when, by request of the Rev. General Secretary, an editor was elected to take

charge of the department, which now occupies eight pages of this invaluable magazine.

In the spirit of the ever-growing and enlarging work, *The Monthly Letter* was instituted as a medium of communication with the missionaries. A few years later, *Palm Branch*, which is issued at St. John, N.B., was established in the interests of the young people of the Church, and by courtesy of the editors of the connexional papers throughout the Dominion space is now accorded the society.

The many talented writers in the Church have enabled the committee on literature to publish a number of interesting and instructive leaflets, notably "Our Work Series," and a most able paper on "Systematic and Proportionate Giving," by M. B. Willmott.

Thousands of leaflets are annually sold at Room 20.

Room 20, in Wesley Buildings, The Methodist Publishing and Mission House is an encyclopædia for the auxiliaries. On its shelves are found leaflets bearing on all phases of missionary work, sets of question books which lay bare heathendom, missionary exercises to brighten mission band meetings, the society's Cycle of Prayer, maps, etc., of which a catalogue appears in *The Monthly Letter*. There the organizer finds her outfit, which ensures auxiliaries being managed in a business-like way; subscriptions are received for American and foreign religious publications; *The Monthly Letter*, with a circulation of 12,700, is issued, and an immense correspondence, relative to the work, carried on.

This department has not grown in a day, but certainly the completeness of its system and much of its success is due to the untiring efforts of Miss Ogden, the present secretary-treasurer of the literature and publication department.

The committee on literature and publication is constituted of representatives, one for each branch. For convenience they are resident at Toronto. To them is committed the issuing of all authorized publications of the society. Their weekly meetings are held at Room 20.

The joy and delight of the Woman's Missionary Society is the supply committee. Appeals from Mrs. Briggs, the secretary, are never made in vain, and the hearts in many a home on the domestic missions, from the parsonage to the shack, and in many a tepee, have been gladdened by the remembrance of this beneficent institution.

Matters in connection with the working of Indian Homes frequently demand communication with the Government. Such correspondence belongs to the committee on Indian work.

The Deaconess House lately established at Toronto, where the missionary spends a term of testing, and may further fit herself for the field by taking a course of study, supplies a long-felt need.



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