

and bullion fringe and tassels. The upper part is adorned with a scroll, bearing the words, "Mission Band," with "Western Branch" immediately underneath. Across the lower part of the banner is "W. M. S." in large letters. The centre is decorated with a bunch of iris and laburnum, with a verse, Prov. xxxi. 29, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

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ST. THOMAS, Sep. 1st 1890.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

THE following changes in the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society have been recommended by various Auxiliaries to the committee appointed on revision of constitution, and are published according to a resolution of the Board. See last Report, page 14.

Art. II. To insert after children, "To diffuse intelligence and excite missionary interest among women and children of the Church;" to aid, etc.

Art. IV. After societies add, "and their Mission Bands;" to be, etc.

Art. V., Sec. 1. After Officers of the Society, omit "President."

Art. V. Sec. 1. After Corresponding Secretary, add "and Treasurer" of, etc. That it be delegates from each Branch in the proportion of one to every "five" hundred; also in the proportion of one to every "one" hundred. That last clause, "The President," etc., be transferred to Sec. 2.

Art. V. That Sec. 2 read, "The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Board, and the President of each Branch who is by virtue of her office a Vice-President of the Board of Managers."

Art. V. Sec. 3. After Board of Managers, read "with the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of each Branch shall, *ex-officio*, form an Executive Committee, 'nine' of whom," etc.

Art. V., Sec. 4. After Corresponding Secretaries, add "the reports of the agents employed by the Society," the estimates, etc.

Art. VI., Sec. 3. That second clause be, "The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the Branch and its Executive meetings."

Art. VI., Sec. 3. That third clause read, "The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and its Executive Committee," and shall under, etc.; also, It shall be her duty to "prepare for" the annual, etc.

Art. VI., Sec. 6. That uniform by-laws be recognized in Branches.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY.

Art. VII. That this read, "The funds of this Society shall be derived from members' fees, Mission Bands, public meetings, entertainments, mite-boxes, Sabbath-schools, sale of reports, donations and other sources."

Art. VIII. Designate "necessary local expenses;" also, that the Note be expunged.

#### BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

No. 7. That it be expunged.

No. 10. After "numbering twenty-five or under, add 'fifty,' and two, etc.

No. 10. That all the words after "in the proportion of one for every Auxiliary," be expunged.

"That a by-law be added providing 'that Conference and District Organizers shall be members of the Branch meetings, and entitled to the same privilege as delegates.'"

"That the first item in order of business for monthly meetings be 'reading the subjects of prayer for the month.'"

#### CONSTITUTION OF MISSION BANDS.

"The object of Mission Bands shall be primarily to develop a missionary spirit, and secondarily to raise funds to send the Gospel to the heathen."

"The officers of a Mission shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a committee of six, to arrange the best methods of work."

"That provision be made whereby all Auxiliary members shall have the right to take part in the discussions and vote at the Annual Meeting of the Branch to which they belong." Also

"That all Auxiliary members shall have the right to take part in discussions at the Branch Annual Meeting, but shall not vote."

"That the duties of the Board Officers be defined by the members present at the next meeting of the Board of Managers."

"That it shall be the duty of the President of the Board to call special meetings of the Executive Committee, at the request of three of its members, of which not less than ten days' notice shall be given."

"That the duties of the Editress of the Woman's Missionary Society departments of the OUTLOOK and of the Guardian be defined."

"That all delegates to the Board of Managers shall pay their own expenses."

"That auditors be appointed to the Board of Managers and Auxiliaries."

"That an order of exercises for Mission Bands be laid down."

"Whereas, promiscuous and pathetic appeals for funds for special objects are often misleading, therefore resolved, that all such solicitations, excepting those legitimately belonging to the Supply Committee, before being introduced to the notice of our members, through any agency of this Society, be referred to and receive the approval of the proper authorities, namely, this Board, its Executive, or its President, and Corresponding Secretary."

Art. III. "Any person *subscribing* annually."

Art. IV., Sec. 1. "Delegates, one to every *four* hundred."

Art. VIII. That the Note be expunged or so amended as to clearly define the conditions on which Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, or individual members of the Woman's Missionary Society may designate a preference for any special department of the work.

By-law No. 5. That it be expunged.

That contributions to Literature Fund be acknowledged in the Annual Report as Auxiliary receipts.

That names of members be printed in columns in the Annual Report.

That expenses of delegates to Board meeting be defined.

That space be given in the Annual Report for the names of life members of Mission Bands.

#### CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Branch will be held in Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto, October 7th, 8th and 9th, commencing Tuesday, October 7th, at 2.30 p.m. There will be a public meeting of unusual interest on Tuesday evening in the same church, when we shall be favored with addresses from our much esteemed missionary from Japan, Mrs. Large, Dr. Potts, Dr. Stafford and others. We also expect to have a short address from Mr. Tate, of Chilliwack, B.C., on Wednesday afternoon.

Owing to the large number of reports to be heard at the annual meeting, and the amount of business to be transacted,