

FOURTH DAY.

The session opened with devotional exercises, Mrs. Gooderham presiding. The forenoon was chiefly occupied with unfinished committee reports, etc., and discussions thereon.

At the afternoon session it was moved and adopted, that a committee composed of one lady from each Branch be appointed to revise the whole constitution. The appropriations for the ensuing year were then read, and are as follows: For the Japan work, \$10,900; French work, \$3,373; Chilliwhack Home, \$1,750; for the construction of new buildings at Crosby Home, \$2,900; Chinese work, \$1,500; Newfoundland Home, \$200; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,200. It was then moved and carried, that the Committee of the French Institute be empowered to act as they think best as to the opening of a day school and the selection of Bible-women. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Gooderham, of Toronto, re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Carman, of Belleville, Mrs. Wilmot, of Toronto; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, of Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Strachan, of Hamilton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton; to edit column in *Guardian*, Miss Wilkes; to edit column in *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston; Editor *OUTLOOK*, Mrs. Dr. Parker.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

ON Wednesday morning, October 2nd, a large number of delegates, representing twenty-five Auxiliaries and seven Mission Bands, assembled in the Truro Methodist Church, to join in the varied exercises of the sixth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch.

The meeting opened at 9.30, the President, Mrs. (Rev.) A. S. Tuttle, leading the devotional service of the first half-hour. After the roll call, the Recording Secretary read the minutes of three executive meetings held during the year. The President, in a comprehensive address, recalled the signal blessings of the past, and touchingly referred to those who, since last annual meeting, have

"Reached a fadeless coronet
Up through the gates of death."

Rules of order were submitted and adopted, and reports from Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were received. An encouraging advance proved that the efforts made to extend the influence of the Branch had been crowned with success. Present number of Auxiliaries, 46; increase, 20; number of Mission Bands, 19; increase, 5; number of annual members, 921; increase, 320; number of life-members, 46; increase, 5; number of Mission Band members, 656; increase, 249; income, \$2,865.05; increase, \$570.83. The remainder of the morning was devoted to routine work, the monotony of which was relieved by interesting letters from Misses Elderkin and Leake. In the afternoon, words of welcome and response were given. Cordial and sisterly greetings from representatives of the Presbyterian and Baptist Societies, and also from the Maritime Women's Christian Temperance Union, were presented. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," Auxiliary reports were taken up. A very effective reading brightened the proceedings of the afternoon.

Thursday morning was mostly taken up with Auxiliary reports. These gave evidence of quiet prayerful effort, and cheerful, though humble, giving; but just such giving as merits the approval of Him who is "worthy to receive power and riches." The report of the Branch Organizer was a word picture of the trials and triumphs of a six weeks' campaign through the eastern part of Nova Scotia.

Discussions on plans of work, reports of committees, and announcements completed the work of the second morning. The afternoon was chiefly taken up with the election of officers, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. A. S. Tuttle; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Huestis, MacCoy, Ainley; Recording Secretary, Miss Silver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Whiston; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray; Auditor, Miss Louise Ray. Mission Band reports followed, which were bright and cheering. It augurs well for the future of Nova Scotia Branch that so many in the springtime of life are bringing their youthful enthusiasm to the work. Resolutions, acknowledging the hospitality of the Truro ladies, the thoughtful kindness of the pastor, Rev. E. B. Moore, and favors granted by railway authorities, were read and accepted. The fact that Nova Scotia Branch has again had the rare honor of giving to the cause gifts more precious than silver and gold, namely, of consecrated lives, was a special cause for thanksgiving.

The public anniversary meeting was held on Wednesday evening. The audience was large, and fully appreciated the varied and interesting programme. An exercise by the Truro Mission Band, in which music and recitations were happily blended, was heard by a delighted audience. Miss Cartmell's presence on this anniversary occasion was a source of real pleasure to many, who have learned to love her for her work's sake.

On Thursday evening, after disposing of unfinished business, an hour was devoted to a consecration service. After the worry and anxiety of the business hours, this season was one of sweet rest and peace. The "Master of Assemblies" was manifestly present, and at the close of this hal-lowed hour, every energy seemed quickened for better and truer service.

M. WHISTON, Cor. Sec.

Missionary Readings.

TESTIMONY OF LORD NORTHBROOK (LATE VICEROY OF INDIA) TO MISSIONS.

IT may surprise some, who have not had an opportunity of looking into the matter, to learn that Christianity is spreading four or five times as fast as the ordinary population, and that the native Christians now number nearly a million souls. One of the most hopeful results of mission work, is the lesson which it is silently infusing through native society and vernacular literature—ideas of integrity, honor, philanthropy, truth, purity, and holiness, that are distinctively Christian. In every movement for the welfare of the people, too, Christian missionaries have led the van. Their services to education are recognized even by their enemies. The advanced schools of modern religious thought in India, are the outcome of Christian teaching. The missionaries were the first to awaken an interest in the welfare of the women of India, and even in the magnificent work of philanthropy with which the name of Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin is imperishably associated, missionaries were the pioneers. In a thousand ways preparation is being made for the coming of the kingdom, and the blessed influences of Gospel teaching and preaching are manifest to all who have eyes to see.

A number equal to the population of Toronto and its suburbs is passing into eternity in heathen darkness every forty-eight hours.