

homes and schools in British Columbia, contrasting the lives of those who had been brought under the power of the gospel with those of still heathen Indian. Truly, "What hath God wrought" by the hands of his feeble instruments in that place! He spoke principally, however, of the Chinese Girls' Home in Victoria, B.C. This he spoke of as an angels' work, saying that if nothing else had been accomplished by our Society this work accomplished in that Home would amply repay all our efforts. His address was most interesting, and showed an enthusiasm for this missionary work to be deeply implanted in the heart of the speaker. A good collection was taken up at this meeting.

Wednesday Morning.—Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Rev. A. R. Campbell, Atherley. Greetings were sent to Eastern Branch then meeting at Brockville. Read, 1 Peter v. 10, 11. Reports of organizers for their districts were then called for, and twenty-one organizers reported. Ten minutes was given to each organizer to make her report, and although the reports were full of information, giving each Auxiliary a share, yet not any of the organizers exceeded the allotted time. This spoke so favorably for this new plan of reporting, that it resulted in a resolution to the effect, that "this plan of reporting become a by-law of the Branch," which was carried by a large majority.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Mrs. Rev. E. N. Baker conducted opening exercises. Memorials were again taken up and occupied the attention of meeting for the first hour. Then came, the discussion on departments of work. A paper, "Model President," written by Mrs. G. N. Fraser, Napanee, introduced this discussion; then followed, "A Model Corresponding Secretary," by Mrs. Rev. J. C. Wilson, Warkworth; "Model Recording Secretary," by Mrs. John Carlyle, Peterboro'; and "Model Treasurer," by Mrs. G. D. Kerr, Toronto; all of these papers were excellent, but as they will all be published in *OUTLOOK* we will not make any comment on them. The discussion on "Literature" was led by Mrs. McKay, who emphasized the importance of this branch of our work. This department was intelligently discussed, a great many of the delegates speaking particularly of the great help the *Letter Leaflet* had been to their Auxiliaries. Then followed a paper on "Mission Band Work," by Mrs. Rev. A. M. Phillips. This paper was so well received that a motion followed the reading of it to have it printed as a leaflet. This motion was carried.

A detailed report of Supply Committee was given by its energetic Secretary, Mrs. Briggs, showing the great amount of help that had been distributed through the committee during the past year. One hundred and twenty Auxiliaries have sent supplies during year, and over \$2,000 worth of goods has been distributed. Mrs. Briggs received a standing vote for her work on the Supply Committee, also her work as Corresponding Secretary. Greetings were received from Eastern Branch. Read, Ps. lxxxv. 11, 12, 13.

Question drawer was opened, and questions answered by Mrs. Carman. In reply to question, about auxiliaries reporting more members than dollars, Mrs. Carman moved, and it was seconded and carried, "That in the case of new Auxiliaries organized late in the year, the Treasurer and Correspondent Secretary be instructed to mention the organization of Auxiliary with the money that has been sent without mentioning the names of members.

The following memorial, presented as a resolution at this session of meeting and carried, will be of interest to the auxiliaries concerned, "Whereas, the present mode of defraying delegates' expenses to the Annual Branch meeting is inconvenient to delegates, interferes with the order of business at Branch meeting, and adds very greatly to the onerous duties of the Branch Treasurer. Therefore, be it resolved, "That in future delegates' expenses be not paid at Branch meeting, but that they be arranged for by the Auxiliaries sending said delegates." The expenses of delegates therefore, for the future, will be defrayed by the Auxiliary sending them.

MISSION BAND MEETING.

Public Meeting, Wednesday Evening.—The Mission Band public meeting on Wednesday evening was a great success. Mrs. Dr. Carman occupied the chair. After singing and prayer, the 23rd Psalm was read in concert. Mrs. Carman then spoke a few words on the importance of Mission Band

work. Master Percy Baxter sang beautifully, a solo, "The Better Land." Mrs. Bascom, Corresponding Secretary, gave her annual report.

A pleasing incident occurred at this stage of the meeting. Rev. W. F. Wilson rose and showed the audience a little red bag, in which were 658 cents, a contribution from the little crippled children in the Home in Toronto. He stated that they had saved these cents to give to some children whose lives were sadder than their own, and as he (Mr. Wilson) had listened to Mrs. Briggs reading the report of the Supply Committee in the afternoon, he had said, "Here is where I will give the money."

A plea for missions by a number of young ladies from the mission circles of the city was well received, and Miss Munroe's address on the work of the King's Daughters in connection with the girls' school in Tokyo was listened to with great attention. Miss Munroe spoke of the origin of this movement, its objects, its methods of working, and the results so far. Miss Munroe is an earnest, practical speaker, and her voice reached the ear of her listeners, so that all who attended the meeting had the benefit of her address.

Thursday Morning.—Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Duncan. The President appealed to the delegates to stand loyally by the action of the Branch in its decision regarding delegates' expenses to the Annual Meetings, and said she hoped that not one Auxiliary would neglect to send a delegate because of the new system of defraying expenses. Greetings were sent to General Board of Missions then in session in Hamilton. Read Heb. xiii. 20, 21; Phil. iv. 3, 1st clause; Heb. xiii. 8, 1st clause. It was decided that money given in the little red bag by the crippled children should be placed at the disposal of Mrs. Briggs, also that a letter of thanks be sent to the children through Rev. W. F. Wilson, for their thoughtful gift.

Discussion on Division of Branch was the next order of business. The report of Executive Committee on this question was read, giving the reasons for their decision in favor of separation. The largeness of the delegation, the travelling expenses incurred, and the difficulty experienced in billeting delegates near the church, were the reasons urged for the division. Every member but one felt the time had arrived when the advisability of the step must be taken into consideration, and, although many ties must be broken, the loss of so many familiar faces and beloved friends experienced, still for the sake of the advancement of our important work and the wisest use of the Lord's money, each member of the Executive, save one, declared that, however painful the parting might be, conscientiously she must vote in favor of division. After the advantages and disadvantages had been discussed, it was moved and seconded, "That the Branch be divided according to Conference limits." Carried; 121 for separation, 32 against.

At this stage of the meeting Mrs. Jennings, British Columbia, was introduced to the meeting, and granted the full privileges of the delegation.

Election of delegates to General Board resulted as follows: Mrs. Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Mrs. Rev. Langford, Mrs. Rev. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. A. H. Campbell, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Rev. G. Brown, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Kendrey, Mrs. Locke, and Miss Ogden.

Votes of thanks were carried, standing, to our hostesses, the pastor and officials of the church, to the choir, the lady who presided at the piano, and to Master Percy Baxter.

Greetings were received from General Board. Read, 2 Thess. i. 11, 12. This very interesting meeting was brought to a close by Rev. G. Bishop, pastor of church, with prayer and benediction.

The meeting divided, according to Conference, for the election of officers for the separate Branches. Election of officers resulted as follows:

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. McKay, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Rev. Langford, Toronto; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, Toronto; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Toronto; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Kerr, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Ogden, Toronto; Auditor, Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto.