

Miss Hargraves, a returned worker from Kanazawa, Japan, told of the industrial work undertaken by the society. The pupils are principally from the poorer classes, and are engaged in embroidery and matchbox making. These articles are sold, the pupils being paid for all work, and being only allowed to work during the hours of daylight. Many poor girls have been saved from a life of shame through their attendance at the schools, and many are being placed under the influences of a happy Christian home through the work of the Orphanage.

Greetings were presented from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church through Mrs. Jordan. The Episcopal Church gave a kindly word through its representative, Mrs. Lenfesty; also the Baptist Church through Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Cunningham followed with the Secretary's Report: Number of auxiliaries, 175, an increase of 16; auxiliary members, 4,030, an increase of 330; life members, 240, an increase of 17. Total, 4,275, an increase of 347.

The Treasurer's Report, by Mrs. Williams, shows the income from all sources of \$11,168.61; balance on hand October 1st, 1894, \$47.04. The announcement of the increase in the income was received with the singing of the Doxology.

Apprehension had been felt that the society might not come up to the usual standard on account of the hard times. Such anxiety was dispelled by the Treasurer's cheering account.

Mrs. Cuyler, who had spent several years in the Indian work on the Pacific coast, gave a number of interesting and thrilling incidents in connection with the work of Mr. Duncan, of Metlakathla, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Pollard at Port Simpson. While the collection was being taken the choir rendered an anthem. Closed with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

was given up to committee work.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A partial report of the Committee on Resolutions was given, the following recommendations being accepted: From Brantford Auxiliary, asking that the branch be divided according to the arrangement of the General Conference. From the Modes of Work Committee, that Auxiliaries hold more public meetings; also, that they keep a supply of missionary literature on hand to distribute through the pews; also, that the programme published in the monthly letters be used, and each member be encouraged to take part; also, that missionary literature be scattered broadcast; maps recommended for public meetings; that a larger space be asked for in the *Guardian*, and that we make better use of it; that the Woman's Missionary Society request that their representatives at the Annual Conferences be received at an evening meeting instead of the afternoon.

Miss Pitcher, of London, gave a beautiful and touching recital entitled "As I Have Loved You," after which Miss Carrothers sang "Love One Another."

The reports of the Conference Organizers were given by Mrs. Scarff for the Guelph Conference, Mrs. Jackson for the Niagara Conference, and Mrs. Wright for the London Conference. Summaries: Guelph Conference—Guelph district, 7 auxiliaries and 2 circles; Galt district, 2 auxiliaries, 1 mission band; Stratford district, 5 auxiliaries, 1 circle; St. Mary's district, 6 auxiliaries; Goderich district, 13 auxiliaries, 4 circles and bands; Kincardine district, 3 auxiliaries; Wingham district, 4 auxiliaries; Listowel district, 3 auxiliaries; Palmerston district, 3 auxiliaries; Mount Forest district, 5 auxiliaries; Walkerton district, 2 auxiliaries, 1 circle; Owen Sound district, 6 auxiliaries, 3 circles. Niagara Conference—Hamilton district, 10 auxiliaries, 6 mission bands and circles; St. Catharines, all organized except four small circles; Brantford, 9 auxiliaries, 3 circles, 9 mission bands; Woodstock, 10 auxiliaries, 3 circles and bands; Simcoe, 9 auxiliaries, 12 circles and bands; Milton, 8 auxiliaries, a number of scattered helpers; Welland, 6 auxiliaries, 2 mission bands. Only two places unorganized. Norwich, 10 auxiliaries, 8 mission bands. London Conference—Sarnia district, 3 auxiliaries, 2 mission bands; Strathroy district, 3 auxiliaries, 1 mission band; Ridgetown district, 3 auxiliaries; Windsor district, 5 auxiliaries;

Chatham, 3 auxiliaries and 1 mission band; St. Thomas, 6 auxiliaries, 2 mission bands; Aylmer, 5 auxiliaries; Exeter, 4 auxiliaries, 1 mission band; London, 16 auxiliaries, 5 circles, 3 bands.

The reports were accepted with applause. A most interesting Conference of workers, led by Mrs. Wright, brought out many useful suggestions as to the management of Auxiliaries. The keynote of all success appeared to be prayer. Some touching accounts were given of struggles and victories in the direction where timid women had learned to use their voices in this branch of the Master's service. Mr. Cassidy and Miss Hargraves spoke a few words to the delegates, and the session closed with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The church was filled with delegates and friends to listen to the work of the young people, in whose hands the principal portion of the programme had been placed. This trust they discharged with fidelity and credit. On the platform the Mission Band of the church were seated and led the service of song most delightfully.

The Chairman, Rev. Jasper Wilson, spoke some cheering words with regard to woman's work in the mission fields.

The report of the Branch Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Daly, of London, showed that the Branch had made rapid progress, and that the work of the Woman's Missionary Society among the young people was of a character to command earnest attention. Fourteen new bands have been organized, five have dropped, making a total of fifty-eight. The membership is 1,895, an increase of 164; the income \$2,388.63, an increase of \$234.09.

A solo by Mr. Kinder was followed by a clever dialogue between six girls dressed as Chinese, and representing a scene in the Pekin school. Their efforts were received with applause.

The prize banner was awarded to Teeswater and received for them by Miss Gillies. The President, Mrs. Burns, spoke a few graceful and kindly words in presenting it, and Mrs. Phelps replied for the Band, explaining the good done by the banner competition. The Rev. Mr. Cassidy followed with an address full of praise of the Japanese as a people, and of the work of our ladies among the women and girls. A touching reference was made to Miss H. Lund and her valuable work in that interesting and promising land. A collection was taken, and the Mission Band rendered sweetly a chorus.

The society resumed its sessions on

THURSDAY MORNING.

After routine the reports of committees were continued. The Organizer's Committee Report says:

1. Your Committee recommended that correspondence be kept up quarterly or half-yearly between district organizers and the corresponding secretary of each Auxiliary.
2. That new auxiliaries report to the branch corresponding secretary through their own corresponding secretary immediately upon the organization of an auxiliary, and thus open up the communication with headquarters.
3. That the duty of district organizers to hold district conventions be emphasized.
4. That district organizers be responsible when possible for the observance of woman's missionary Sunday of their districts.
5. That district organizers be nominated at the branch meeting.
6. That the report of this committee be inserted in the printed report of the branch.

Continuation of the Report of Memorial Committee: *Re* National Council of Women—*Resolved* that we do not affiliate with the National Council. In view of the fact that through overwork or change of climate our lady missionaries are liable to become permanently laid aside, it is thought well that a superannuation fund be formed for their benefit, the plan suggested being that one cent per month be contributed by members of auxiliaries, and that this be forwarded to the general board as a memorial.

The report of the Mission Band Committee recommended that in each band and circle a member be appointed to present the claims of the Palm Branch, believing that the