

Representatives from sister societies in Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican Churches were present and gave greetings from these societies.

The delegates, seventy-two in number, showed a marked interest throughout the meeting. Though our increase in members and funds is small, we are glad to be able to report a growing interest in the work.

The devotional exercises and consecration service were remarkable for the feeling of deep spirituality which pervaded them.

The reports from most of the Auxiliaries were very encouraging. Many report great success in the use of "Scattered Helpers," monthly letter leaflets and programmes, mite-boxes and thankoffering services.

Our President, in her address, gave a very complete review of the work being done in our various mission fields, and urged us to endeavor to get every woman in our churches interested in the mission work, and to give the best we have to the work, and not use the word "discouraged" in connection with it.

The corresponding secretary reported seventy-six Auxiliaries, being an increase of five; annual members 1,762, life-members sixty-four, being an increase of sixty annual members and an increase of ten life-members.

The treasurer reported \$5046.10, being an increase of \$368.69 for the year. Of this the Circles and Bands raised \$960, and \$425.76 of it came from mite-boxes.

In reply to the question, "What is the most helpful feature of your Auxiliary work?" many answers were given. Among them the following: Telling the story or history of some mission work, school, place or missionary; devotional exercises; appointment of two members at each meeting to call on the absentees and give the *Monthly Letter*; getting box ready to send away and having a good missionary reading; all united and trying to do their best for the work; preparation of papers, personal work most helpful; stick-to-ativeness and earnest work; bringing needs of the heathen before the Auxiliaries excites interest; having an earnest, energetic devoted president; answering roll call with verses of Scripture; distribution of work among members and getting all to take part.

The reports from the Supply Committee and Mission Field were thoroughly appreciated.

An excellent paper on "Literature and how to use it," by Mrs. Sawyer, also one on "Do we make the best possible use of the Monthly Letter Leaflets," by Miss Carman, and "A peep at Room 20," by Miss Hunter, and "An Ideal President," by Mrs. Bigelow, were all so good and full of useful hints that it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that they be sent to the *OUTLOOK* for publication.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered to our hostesses, minister, trustees, choir, editors, and all who had so kindly assisted us in our work.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Sawyer, Montreal; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Montreal; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Gananoque; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Montreal; Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands, Miss Effie Bailey, Iroquois.

The following by-laws of the Branch were confirmed:

1. That when any Auxiliary sends more than one delegate to the Branch meeting the expenses of only one are to be paid by the Branch.
2. That only the 1st Vice-President of the Branch is entitled to come to the meeting by virtue of her office.
3. That where there are two Bands and neither has enough members to send a delegate they can unite and send one between them.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the President,
J. S. ATKINSON, *Rec. Sec.*

Bay of Quinte Branch.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES.

OFFICERS of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands within the limits of the Bay of Quinte Conference are

reminded that their reports and remittances ought to be sent to the officers of the Bay of Quinte, instead of the Central Branch as formerly.

Corresponding Secretaries of Auxiliaries will please send quarterly reports to Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton. Treasurers will kindly remit to Mrs. G. C. Curry, Picton, not later than the 20th December.

Mission Band Secretaries will bear in mind that Miss Hawley, Bath, is Corresponding Secretary for Mission Bands.

M. CARMAN, *President.*
G. D. PLATT, *Cor. Sec.*

A Model Corresponding Secretary.

(A Paper read at Central Branch Meeting.)

BY MRS. J. C. WILSON.

IN the first place, she should feel the importance of her office and set herself about her task with all her consecrated God-given talents, thankful that she is thus honored.

Punctuality is an essential quality, for no one can take her place. She should be careful of her correspondence, have a separate place for it, and be sure to take it to the meeting. She should be on the outlook for items of interest outside the business of the Auxiliary, and report, not only of our own, but also of sister churches, and she should be ready when necessary to correspond with Branch officers. She should be responsible for the distribution of the *Letter Leaflet*, also for the sale of reports. She should report quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretary by filling out the postal card provided, and occasionally in a neatly written article report to the *Guardian* and *OUTLOOK* as well as to our own local papers.

At the close of the year she should prepare, with the assistance of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, the yearly report for publication in the Society's annual report, as well as one for the District Organizer.

Institut Methodiste Francais, Montreal.

ON Thursday, November 2nd, we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of our very good friends of the W.M.S. at the French Methodist Institute, Côte St. Antoine. Mrs. Dr. Williams, President of the Central Branch; Mrs. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary of the Society; Mrs. Ross, President of the Eastern Branch, and Mrs. Holland, one of our directors.

After inspecting the various departments of the building, a pleasant hour was spent in the school-room, when kind words of greeting and encouragement were addressed to the pupils by the ladies.

Mrs. Strachan gave a most interesting account of her visit to the schools in Japan, interspersing very instructive comments on the agreeable manners, mode of living, and peculiar customs of the Japanese people, closing with an earnest appeal to our pupils to make the most of their opportunities and favorable surroundings which are so different from those in heathen countries.

Mrs. Ross created a great deal of enthusiasm among the girls by announcing that a dressmaker had been engaged to give lessons in cutting and fitting, also in tailoring. While congratulating them on this very important addition to the course of instruction, she also said some kind words in regard to the evidences she had observed about the Institute of the good work they were doing in the household department, and urged them to put the experience gained here to practical use on their return home.

A few earnest words of Christian counsel were then spoken by Mrs. Williams, followed by the singing of a French hymn, and the offering up of prayer by Mrs. Williams, after which we bade good-bye to our visitors, feeling much cheered by their very evident interest in our work. This is the second time during the present session that we have had the pleasure of welcoming members of the W. M. Society to our school, Mrs. Whiston and Mrs. Brownrigg, of Nova Scotia, having spent a few hours with us in October.

May we not hope to see others before the session closes?

ISABEL G. MASTEN.