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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS, WOMAN'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The regular meetings of the Executive were held during the year, also two special meetings to hear the report of the General Superintendent on his inspection of Japan Missions, and to consult with the Executive of the General Society, respecting missionary legislation for the General Conference.

CHINA.

Dr. Anna Henry, of Markdale, who was in April accepted and appointed to China, is now waiting to be sent to her field of labor.

JAPAN.

Miss Hattie Jost, who at the last Board meeting was expected soon to leave for Japan, was delayed by family bereavement. She reached Japan about the first of March.

In June, Miss Lambly, after four years of service, was obliged by the state of her health to come home. She accompanied Miss Crombie who was returning on furlough. Miss Veazey's year of rest expired in July when she returned to Japan. Letters were received early in the year from the different mission stations, showing the harmony and co-operation between our missionaries and the native pastors.

Two more workers for Japan were advertised for.

A special joint meeting of the two Executives was held in July to hear the report of the General Superintendent on his visit to the Japan Mission.

The points touching the work of the Woman's Missionary Society were afterwards informally considered by your Executive, and, at a subsequent joint Executive meeting, the following was adopted :

1. As to tenure of land.—As outside of concessions it can only be held by Japanese trustees, writings shall be taken from them acknowledging the trust, duly sealed.

2. Tabernacle work, Hongo.—Agreed that one or two native Bible-women be appointed in joint session of the two councils to be under the direction of the Foreign Missionary at the Tabernacle, the

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missionary to furnish the Woman's Council annually with a report of the work of the Bible-women and send bills for their salary—the W. M. S. to pay said salary.

3. That the relation of the wives of foreign missionaries to the work be the same as that of the wives of missionaries at home.

4. That the W. M. S. will supply women workers when requested by the joint Council, as far as available workers and funds will permit.

5 and 6. Joint meetings of councils should not be at the pleasure of either council. They should meet for co-operation and advancement of work and for spiritual power. A joint meeting shall be held at least once in the year at a fixed time, and joint meetings of their Executives when practicable, reports of such meetings to be sent the secretary of each Board. In cases where the councils are not able to agree upon matters within their powers they shall refer such questions to the Home Boards for final decision. For purposes of agreement a majority of each council shall be necessary.

7. The relation of the W. M. S. agents to the native Church is satisfactory as far as known to the Woman's Executive. Recommended that they (W. M. S. agents) be urged to be loyal to the missionaries of the General Society, giving them all the support possible.

8. As to co-operation between the missionaries of the two societies, it is believed that present arrangements, with suggestions in previous paragraphs, are sufficient to meet the case. In all cases the interests of the work at large shall be considered paramount.

9. The Foreign Missionary shall be regarded as a leader.

It was also resolved "That the Sunday Schools in Japan, conducted in the homes of the people by the W. M. S., shall be reported in the Minutes of Conference as under the control of the W. M. S."

CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

As the taxes on the Chinese Girls' Home were omitted from the appropriation at the last Board meeting, the Executive appropriated \$88.67 for the purpose.

The former owner of Quai Shing (Elsie), one of the rescued girls in the Home, appealed to the Supreme Court to regain possession of her. The appeal was dismissed, Dr. J. J. Maclaren, appearing for the W. M. S.

Word was received of a difficulty in arranging the work in connection with the Home. Subsequent letters showed that affairs were adjusted, and suggested that the work might now be accomplished by two missionaries and a Chinese Bible-woman.

Miss Bowes tendered her resignation in June, and it was accepted on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, but subsequently a request was received from that committee for Miss Bowes' resigna-

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tion not to take effect until after the Board meeting. This was agreed to.

Mrs. Gordon Grant was appointed a member of the Advisory Committee.

In view of the time Miss Churchill devotes to the work of the General Society, a request was sent that they pay at least \$150 of her salary.

INDIAN WORK.

In June, Miss Elliott, of Toronto, was sent to the Crosby Home as sewing instructor.

An account of \$100 was paid for insurance on the Home, and an extra appropriation of \$400 was granted for maintenance. A request having been received from the Advisory Committee for additional desks and stoves, a committee was appointed to get estimates and report to the Board.

Miss Spence returned in June to her post at Fort Simpson, taking with her an outfit of nurse's instruments provided by our society at a cost of \$42.61.

The need of a small organ at Crosby Home and at Coqualeetza Institute having been brought before your Executive, advantage was taken of an opportunity to secure two at a very small cost, and they were shipped in May.

The expenses of the Coqualeetza Institute having exceeded the appropriation by \$238.86, the W. M. S. share of deficit was paid.

A memorial was received from the B. C. Branch asking for the \$500 conditionally appropriated for work on the Upper Skeena at the last Board meeting.

The officers of the General Executive were consulted, and stated that their society finds it impossible at present to undertake work on the Skeena. It was therefore decided that your Executive could not comply with the request.

The B. C. Conference's endorsement of placing the Kit-a-maat work on a permanent basis was received.

CANDIDATES.

In addition to the candidates referred to who have been appointed to fields, the applications of nine others have been considered by your Executive, four of whom were provisionally accepted. One of these, Miss Wiggins, has since been appointed by the General Society to a position in the Brandon Institute.

GENERAL.

As the French Institute exceeded its appropriation by \$150 the W. M. S. share of the deficit was paid.

An extra appropriation of \$10 was also made to *Palm Branch*.

The \$500 conditionally appropriated by the last Board to the Newfoundland Orphanage was paid after receiving a report from the Treasurer showing the need of the money.

To economize space in the *Outlook* it was decided to omit the publication of the missionary roll and of the standing committees.

To ensure uniformity in the information given to the Annual Conferences, a draft of an address was prepared for the use of the representatives of our society to the Conferences.

The Field Corresponding Secretary also gave a report of our work to the General Conference, which with the Treasurer's Report for the quadrennium, was sent to the Committee on Missions for consideration.

Forms for the use of foreign fields in making their annual reports to the Board were also prepared by the Field Corresponding Secretary and adopted.

An invitation was received from the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions asking the W. M. S. to send two or more delegates to a ten days' convention to be held in New York, commencing 20th April, 1900—a Woman's Conference to be held in connection with it. Your Executive referred the invitation to the favorable consideration of the Board, and agreed to become responsible for \$5 postage in connection with the convention, as requested.

In pursuance of a resolution of the last Board, your Executive appointed a sub-committee of five to meet a like committee of the General Executive, and confer on the enlargement of the *Outlook* and other matters of mutual interest.

In consulting about the *Outlook* it was learned that the circulation is 8,500 to 9,000; 1,500 free copies are sent to ministers; \$140.45 was the cost of publishing the December issue of 9,200. There are practically no subscribers outside of Auxiliary lists. It pays its way, but there are no profits.

The following is the report of the joint Committee :

As during the past year the question of a separate paper for the Woman's Missionary Society has been under consideration, this joint Committee is of opinion that one paper to cover the interests of both societies is preferable for many reasons. But to this end it is necessary that the *Outlook* be enlarged so as to afford sufficient space. We therefore recommend our respective Executives and Boards :

1. To authorize the enlargement of the *Outlook*, but retaining the price as at present.
2. To appoint a small joint Committee of Publication to settle all matters of detail.
3. That the two societies share equally in profits or deficit which may result from the publication of the *Outlook*.
4. That after the present year the free list be discontinued.
5. That in the event of enlargement it is recommended that, if practicable, the *Campaigner*, the *Palm Branch* and the *Monthly Letter* be included in the *Outlook*.

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This report was adopted by your Executive. It afterwards came before the General Executive and was adopted in substance with some additions, as follows :

- Paragraph 1. Twenty-four pages specified.
2. Two members from each Executive to be associated with Editor-in-Chief and Editor of Woman's Department.
5. Referred to committee provided for in paragraph 2.

The joint Committee also recommended the following clause as a substitute for the missionary clause in Epworth League constitution in the Discipline :

"To have a share in all the missionary work of the Church and to become familiar with its varied lines of enterprise, this Committee shall seek to interest the League in all missionary topics and shall promote the interests of the General Missionary Society, and the Woman's Missionary Society, equitably dividing between them any funds that may be raised."

Also that the words, "In foreign fields," be prefixed to Sec. 5 (a) on page 195 of Discipline.

These two recommendations were adopted by your Executive, but no report has reached your Secretary as to the action of the General Executive.

The granting of furloughs to missionaries on Indian fields was also discussed by the joint Committee, but no recommendation adopted, the General Society adhering to its policy of granting no furloughs to its agents on Indian fields, special cases being considered on their merits.

Dr. Davidson Macdonald, who recently returned from Japan, and who has for years been the true friend and kind counsellor of our ladies there, was invited by your Executive to attend the meeting of the Board and to give an address at the public meeting, but was, unfortunately, not able to accept.

MINUTES
(Condensed)
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, October 18th, and the three following days.

Mrs. Carman, Vice-President, presided at the opening session, and was assisted in the devotional exercises by the officers of the Board.

The President, Mrs. Ross, presided over the subsequent business sessions.

The following ladies responded to the roll-call :

President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal.

Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Toronto.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Kerr, Toronto.

Field Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton.

Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. P. McKay, Alliston.

Treasurer, Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto.

Editor *Outlook*, Mrs. Gordon Wright, London.

Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department, Miss A. L. Ogden, Toronto.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH. — President, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Kincardine. Delegates—Mrs. Harrison, Granton; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Tennant, London; Mrs. Fowler, London.

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TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Briggs, Toronto. Delegates—Mrs. Langford, Orangeville; Mrs. Powell, Toronto; Mrs. Sutherland, Toronto; Mrs. Locke, Toronto.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Platt, Picton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Grange, Napanee. Delegates—Mrs. Wilson, Brighton; Mrs. Copeland, Deseronto; Mrs. Massey, Wallbridge; Mrs. Gibson, Napanee; Mrs. Campbell, Hastings.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Montreal; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall. Delegates—Mrs. Sparks, Kingston; Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Mrs. Britton, Gananoque; Mrs. Hughes, Perth.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.—Corresponding Secretary, Miss Palmer, St. John. Delegates—Mrs. Coulthard, Fredericton; Miss Henderson, St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Whiston, Halifax; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Halifax. Delegate—Mrs. Rogers, Truro.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Young, Winnipeg.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Chapman, Victoria.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.—Miss Crombie, Japan; Miss Smith, Chilliwack, B.C.; Miss Burpee, Chilliwack, B.C.; Mrs. Redner, Port Simpson, B.C.; Miss Cartmell, Hamilton.

The privileges of the Convention were accorded to the returned missionaries, the same courtesy being extended to Mrs. Thomas Crosby, of Victoria, B.C.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed an annual membership of 14,693, an increase of 462. Life-members, 916, an increase of 74. Mission Circle and Band members, 7,223, an increase of 747.

Receipts from Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands and Epworth Leagues, \$38,031.11—increase, \$1,575.79. Total receipts, \$40,824.96—increase, \$1,691.44. The Bequest account has, in addition, a balance of \$4,105.73.

Reports of Branches and Newfoundland Auxiliaries, of the Executive, of the Literature Department and of the Supply Committee were presented to the Board and appear elsewhere.

The Nova Scotia Branch announced its union with the separate Auxiliaries of Newfoundland, the name henceforth to be the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch reported that a missionary scholarship which had been established at Mount Allison College, is now held by a W. M. S. candidate from that Branch.

Official letters from the different mission fields were received and their financial reports adopted.

Miss Brackbill requested the appointment of another Secretary-Treasurer for the mission in China, as she may find it necessary to return home. The time for her furlough has come, but if her health will permit, she wishes to remain until the workers are reinforced.

A list of drugs needed for the medical work was received and ordered to be purchased.

It was decided that Dr. Anna Henry, who is under appointment to China, should spend the time until her departure in acquiring practical knowledge which will be useful in her work.

As a new building is necessary for the Azabu Girls' School, Tokyo, Japan, it was resolved to erect one suitable to the needs of the work, \$3,500 to be appropriated now, and the balance paid next year. It was also resolved that a new site be purchased for the school, as the present one belongs to the General Society which needs it for the extension of its work.

The W. M. S. has had the free use of this site since the Girls' School was first built. The funds to the credit of the bequest account are to be applied towards the purchase of the land.

The Kanazawa work is also in need of new buildings, but in view of the pressing demands in Tokyo, the request for an appropriation for that purpose could not be granted at present.

The next Easter thank-offering is asked for the new buildings and sites necessary in Japan, the offerings from Mission Circles and Bands to be especially devoted to the orphanage in Kanazawa.

The Board was memorialized to establish Schools of Industry in Japan, to save girls from being treated as articles of merchandise. While sympathizing deeply in this object, it was decided that the Society was already doing all that its funds would warrant in that line of work.

In accordance with the desire of Herbie Bellamy, the money raised by the Moose Jaw Mission Band is to be given to the Kanazawa Orphanage, sufficient being retained for the student now supported by that Band, as long as this is recommended by the Mission Council.

Two more workers for Japan were provisionally appointed, one of them being Miss Morgan, of the Chinese Girls' Home, Victoria.

A constitution was adopted for Mission Councils in foreign fields, which will be found under "Instructions to Missionaries."

The Committee on Indian Affairs recommended the following:

Kit-a-maat.—That \$300 be granted for matron's salary, \$400 for maintenance, and \$500 towards building.

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Upper Skeena.—In addition to the \$500 appropriated last year, that \$500 be granted for maintenance.

That an assistant nurse be provided for Port Simpson hospital.

White Fish Lake.—That the grant of \$300 be continued.

Norway House.—That until a properly equipped hospital is erected, provision be made for a trained nurse, with medical outfit.

These recommendations were adopted, the appropriation for a nurse at Norway House being left to the Executive, as, in any event, one could not leave until spring.

The staff of the Crosby Girls' Home being much overworked, provision was made for a matron's assistant.

The question of a conditional re-appropriation of \$500 to Bella Bella was left for the Executive to decide.

A request for help at Clayoquot on the west coast of Vancouver Island, was not granted, owing to demands on the funds, though sympathy was felt with the object.

The estimates for the year for Coqualeetza Institute amount to \$9,000. It is expected that the income will meet the expenditure, but a suggestion was made that each society appropriate \$500 for a possible deficit. This was also left to the Executive.

A list was received from Morley Institute of furnishings purchased with the grant made by the Board for that purpose last year.

It was intimated that the friends of the Newfoundland Orphanage hoped to carry on the work in the future without asking for a grant from the Board.

The changes in the Constitution, which were considered last year and left for the Manitoba and British Columbia Branches to endorse, were adopted; also some changes recommended by the Editing Committee of the Report (see by-laws, resolutions, etc.).

The following resolutions, of which due notice had been given to the Branches, were considered:

That Art. V., Sec. 1 of the Constitution be amended so that delegates to the Board shall be elected in the proportion of one to every thousand members. Not carried.

That Art. V., Sec. 1 read "one to every eight hundred members." Not carried.

That Branches numbering five hundred members or less shall be entitled to send a delegate to the Board in case the President or Corresponding Secretary is not able to attend. Carried.

That Branches have only two Vice-Presidents. Not carried.

That names of Auxiliary members be omitted from the Annual Report. Left for each Branch to decide.

A memorial from British Columbia Branch, asking that their District Organizers and Superintendents of Proportionate Giving be made members of the Branch, was referred back, being within the jurisdiction of the Branches.

The following resolutions were carried:

That Art. VII of Constitution for Mission Circles and Bands be changed to provide that the funds shall be remitted quarterly through the Auxiliary. Where there is no Auxiliary they shall be sent direct to the Branch Treasurer.

That the Mission Band Schedule formerly in use be again adopted.

That Auxiliaries be responsible for the presentation of the work of the W. M. S. to the Epworth League once a year, and that this be a by-law for Auxiliaries.

That Mission Circles and Bands and Epworth Leagues entitled to representation at the Branch Meeting be notified of the meeting by the Branch Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, and that she be instructed as to this duty.

That the programme for Mission Bands be published in *Palm Branch*.

That Art. IV. of Constitution for Auxiliaries be amended by inserting "by ballot without nomination" after "elected."

That Auxiliary By-law 10 be amended by inserting "by ballot without nomination" after "elected."

That Art. V. of Constitution for Auxiliaries be amended by striking out all words before "the officers."

That when change of Constitution is requested notice shall be sent to the Home Corresponding Secretary, who shall send a copy to each Branch before its annual meeting. The notices shall also be published in the *Outlook* as soon as practicable.

That Branch Corresponding Secretaries meet an hour before the Board meeting to classify memorials, record the findings of the Branches and report to the Board.

That certificates be furnished life-members without extra charge.

That 3,500 Annual Reports be printed.

That the W. M. S. furnish a room in the new Deaconess Home and Training School for the use of missionary candidates, and that it be called "The Rebecca Williams room."

That the W. M. S. found a scholarship in the Deaconess Home and Training School for the benefit of missionary candidates, and that it be called "The Strachan Scholarship."

That the course of study for missionary candidates be revised.

That the furlough salary of our missionaries be \$300.

The W. M. S. Editor of *Outlook* was again authorized to condense auxiliary and district reports. Subsequently a resolution was passed directing that auxiliary reports for publication be sent to the Branch Recording Secretary who shall prepare a summary for the *Outlook*.

Other resolutions considered were:

That schedules for the annual reports of Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers be amended to harmonize with that of the Home Corresponding Secretary. Referred to the Executive Committee.

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That Branches prepare and present their own report of the work of the W. M. S to the Annual Conferences. Referred to the Executive Committee.

That the Literature Committee provide for the study of the Annual Report in the suggested programme every month. Left to discretion of Literature Committee.

That subscriptions to the *Monthly Letter* begin in January. Not carried.

That Mission Circles and Bands with twenty-five members, or contributing \$25, be entitled to representation at the Branch Meeting. Not carried.

That a number of Supply Committee reports be published for distribution at the Annual Conferences. Not carried.

The Board was memorialized to enter a protest against the decision of the General Conference *re* Women on Church Boards. Not entertained.

A resolution was adopted expressing regret that a licensed canteen for the sale of liquors in Canadian camps and barracks is permitted by the military authorities, and praying that its presence may be speedily and totally abolished.

Miss Palmer was requested to prepare a leaflet on the duty of officers.

Mrs. Strachan was appointed a member of the Programme Committee for the World's Missionary Convention, to be held in New York in 1900.

A communication was received from the Registrar of the Women's Medical College, stating that on account of loss of revenue entailed, the discount hitherto allowed to missionary medical students would be discontinued.

A cordial invitation which was extended by Mrs. Strachan, on behalf of the Centenary Auxiliary, to hold the next Board meeting in Hamilton, was heartily accepted.

The thanks of the Board were sent to Mr. Fred. Roper for his kindness in auditing the treasurer's books, with a request that he act as auditor next year.

At the closing session word was received of the death of Mrs. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, a former treasurer of the Society. A letter of sympathy was directed to be written to her son.

The report of the joint Committee *re Outlook*, as it appears in the report of the Executive, was adopted, except the item referring to the amalgamation of *Palm Branch*. The *Monthly Letter* is to be published in the *Outlook*, but, in addition, if practicable, some are to be struck off for circulation as at present. Miss Wilkes and Mrs. Kerr were appointed members of the joint Committee of Publication. The editor of the W. M. S. half of the *Outlook* is to be called the Associate Editor.

The Committee on Japanese Industrial Work reported :

Receipts from sale of embroideries, \$509.05 ; By duty, embroidery silks, patterns and postage, \$80.42 ; Net proceeds, \$428.63, an increase of \$271.67 over last year.

The Candidate Committee recommended three candidates from the Hamilton Branch, two to be placed on the reserve list and one to be appointed to Japan.

The acceptance of a candidate from the Toronto Conference Branch for evangelistic work in China was confirmed.

A candidate from the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch, now holding the missionary scholarship in Mount Allison College, was recommended for acceptance.

The Committee also recommended that the resignation of Miss Bowes be reconsidered, and that she be retained in the Chinese Girls' Home. The report was adopted.

The Courtesy Committee submitted a resolution of thanks to the pastors, trustees, and choirs of the Sydenham and Queen Street churches ; to hosts, and hostesses, for the generous welcome extended in their homes and at the reception of Tuesday evening ; to the Press, and to all who had contributed to the success of the Board Meeting.

Greetings were given to the returned missionaries present, and sympathy and appreciation to our missionaries in Home and Foreign fields. The Newfoundland Auxiliaries were welcomed to the sisterhood of the Branches, thanks presented to the Executive and the editors, and loving sympathy expressed for the beloved President of the Board.

These reports were adopted.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Williams, President of the Montreal Branch, conducted the testimony meeting. It was preceded by "Remarks from Missionaries," including Mrs. Thos. Crosby, and Miss McGivern, a missionary candidate. At the close, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. E. B. Lanceley, pastor of the church.

A tea and reception were tendered the Board in Sydenham Street Church on Tuesday evening, by the Sydenham and Queen Street Auxiliaries, followed by a public session, when greetings were given from the two Auxiliaries and from sister societies. Dr. Bolton and Rev. Thos. Crosby delivered addresses.

The public anniversary was held on Wednesday evening in Queen Street Church, when Miss Smith, of Chilliwack, and Miss Crombie, of Japan, spoke of the work in their respective fields. Mrs. Carman presided at the evening meetings, the devotional exercises being conducted by the pastors of the churches, assisted by the Rev. R. Whiting.

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Following are the officers for the ensuing year :

<i>President</i>	- -	Mrs. W. E. Ross, 76 Shuter St., Montreal.
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<i>Auditor</i>	- -	Mr. F. Roper.

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The following Committees were appointed :

Literature and Publication—Mesdames Bascom, Sills, Croft, Willmott, Culbert; Misses MacCallum, Firstbrook and Ogden—Miss Ogden being appointed Sec.-Treas. of the Committee.

Supply—Mesdames Briggs, U. Ogden, Maclaren and J. A. Williams.

Indian Affairs—Mesdames Burns, Cunningham and D. Sutherland for Ontario; Mesdames Dolsen and Carcary for Manitoba; Mesdames Betts and Crosby for British Columbia.

Coqualeetza Committee—Mesdames Ross, Burns, Briggs, Willmott, Strachan and Carman.

Advisory Committee for Coqualeetza—Mesdames Wells and Ashwell.

Advisory Committee for Chinese Home—Mesdames Spencer, Pendray, Burkholder, Chapman and Betts.

Advisory Committee for Crosby Home—Dr. and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Osterhout, Mr. Richards and the Matron.

Japanese Industrial Committee—Mrs. J. J. Maclaren, 88 Wellesley Street, Toronto; Mrs. U. Ogden, Mrs. C. D. Massey, Mrs. W. H. B. Aikins.

Annual Report Editing Committee—Mesdames Carman, Strachan, Briggs, Kerr and Miss Wilkes.

Treasurers in the mission fields were appointed :

Japan—Miss Blackmore.

China—Miss Brackbill (succeeded by Miss Foster).

Crosby Home—Miss Clarke.

Chinese Home—Miss Bowes.

French Work—Mrs. George Armstrong.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mrs. Whiston: That Art. V., Sec. 4 be amended to read as follows: "To transact business during the year, the officers of the Board of Managers with nine ladies elected annually by the Board, who can be called together with but little expense, shall constitute an Executive Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum."

By Mrs. Locke: That Art. V., Sec. 1 be amended to provide for a delegate acting as substitute for the Branch President or Corresponding Secretary, in case either of them could not attend the Board meeting.

By Miss Palmer: That Art. V., Sec. 1 be amended to read "one to every eight hundred members."

By Mrs. Burns: That Art. VI., Sec. 2 be amended to provide that Branches have two or more Vice-Presidents.

By the Toronto Conference Branch: That the financial year of the Society end May 15th.

By Mrs. Copeland: That the fee for Mission Band members be twenty-five cents as formerly.

The appropriations are as follows:

JAPAN.

GENERAL.

Travelling	\$150 00	
Furnishings	150 00	
Postage and banking	20 00	
Registration, passports, etc.	40 00	
Sickness among Japanese workers ..	50 00	
		\$410 00

TOKYO BRANCH.

<i>School—</i>		
Missionaries' salaries (4)	\$2400 00	
Supported students	1000 00	
Fuel, light and incidentals	400 00	
Teachers, matron and servants	1200 00	
Language study and interpreter	150 00	
Repairs	400 00	
Insurance and taxes	80 00	
		5630 00
Dispensary		20 00
King's Daughters' School		70 00
Orphanage		120 00
<i>Evangelistic—</i>		
Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1200 00	
Teacher and interpreter	125 00	
Jinrikisha, postage, papers, etc.	160 00	
Rent, Bible-women's salaries, etc.	375 00	
		1860 00
New lot		5000 00
Building, part payment		3500 00

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<i>School—</i>		SHIZUOKA BRANCH.	
Salary of one missionary	\$600 00		
Teacher and interpreter	50 00		
Teachers, matron and servants	650 00		
Ground rent, \$50.00 ; insurance, 60.00	110 00		
Repairs and incidentals	150 00		
Support of students	400 00		
Fuel and light	90 00		
Literature and text-books	40 00		
Postage, stationery, printing, etc.	13 00		
			\$2103 00

<i>Evangelistic—</i>			
Salary of one missionary	\$600 00		
Bible-women's salaries	150 00		
Teacher and interpreter	80 00		
Travelling, postage and incidentals	75 00		
Literature	30 00		
			935 00

<i>School—</i>		KOFU BRANCH.	
Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1200 00		
Teacher and interpreter	125 00		
Teachers and servants	800 00		
Light and fuel	100 00		
Postage, stationery, printing, etc.	20 00		
Literature and books for library	85 00		
Repairs and incidentals	150 00		
Support of students	400 00		
			2880 00

<i>Evangelistic—</i>			
Salary of one missionary	\$600 00		
Teacher and interpreter	100 00		
Bible-women	100 00		
Jinrikisha, postage and stationery	100 00		
Literature	45 00		
Incidentals	10 00		
			955 00

		KANAZAWA BRANCH.	
Missionaries' salaries	\$1200 00		
Teacher, interpreter and Bible-women	250 00		
Jinrikisha and postage	70 00		
Books, papers and tracts	25 00		
Dwelling-house rent	140 00		
Teachers of Industrial School	200 00		
Fuel, repairs, insurance, etc., for schools	75 00		
Running expenses of Industrial work	400 00		
Support of Orphanage	400 00		
Incidentals	10 00		
Miss Belton's furlough expenses	260 00		
			3030 00

		NAGANO BRANCH.	
Salary of one missionary	\$600 00		
Teacher and interpreter, \$100.00 ; house-rent, 150.00 ..	250 00		
School running expenses	500 00		
Evangelistic running expenses	200 00		
			1550 00
Salary of two new ladies			800 00
Outfits and travelling expenses			700 00
Miss Crombie's furlough salary			300 00

Total for Japan..... \$29863 00

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WEST CHINA.

Salaries of four missionaries.....	\$2000 00	
Teachers of Chinese	200 00	
Gateman	30 00	
Watchman	25 00	
Incidentals	100 00	\$2355 00
<i>Hospital—</i>		
Drugs	250 00	
Furnishings	100 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Helpers	75 00	
Gateman	30 00	605 00
<i>School—</i>		
Support of pupils.....	400 00	
Native teacher's books, etc.....	150 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Helper	25 00	675 00
<i>Orphanage—</i>		
Furnishings	50 00	
Support of children	200 00	
Helper	40 00	
Incidentals	30 00	320 00
<i>Evangelistic—</i>		
Bible-women	50 00	
Literature	20 00	70 00
Two new workers		1250 00
Total for West China		<u>\$5275 00</u>

CHINESE GIRLS' HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.

Food	\$150 00	
Clothing	75 00	
Scavenger and water	15 00	
Fuel	70 00	
Light	14 00	
Plumbing	5 00	
Rescue	100 00	
Repairs and renewals	35 00	
Literature	6 00	
Sundries	40 00	
Sewer tax	3 00	
Insurance	30 00	
Gardening	4 00	
School necessities	10 00	
Evangelistic work	50 00	
Salaries of missionaries	893 00	
Taxes	88 67	\$1588 67

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FRENCH WORK.

INSTITUTE.

Share of maintenance by W. M. S.	\$2615 00
Interest on rental to General Society	600 00
Day-schools and Evangelistic	1375 00
Total for French Work.....	\$4590 00

INDIAN WORK.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

Crosby Girls' Home—

Salaries of three missionaries.....	\$1150 00
Maintenance of 45 children	2250 00
Furlough salary	300 00
Additional help.....	250 00
Levelling and enlargement of wood-shed.....	75 00
	<u>\$4025 00</u>

Hospital—

Salaries of two nurses	575 00
Salary of assistant nurse.....	200 00
	<u>\$775 00</u>

COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE.

Misses Smith and Burpee, balance furlough salary	\$175 00
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KIT-A-MAAT, B.C.

Building and furnishing	\$500 00
Maintenance	400 00
Matron's salary.....	300 00
	<u>\$1200 00</u>
White Fish Lake	300 00
Upper Skeena	1000 00
	<u>\$1700 00</u>

Total for Indian Work	\$7475 00
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LITERATURE.

Grant to Room 20.....	\$700 00
<i>Missionary Outlook</i>	100 00
<i>Palm Branch</i>	100 00
	<u>\$900 00</u>
Scholarship in Deaconess Home and Training School	\$100 00
Furnishing of room in " " " "	40 00
	<u>\$140 00</u>
Grand Total	49831 67

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1897-98.

RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 18th, 1897.	
To Balance in Bank of Toronto	\$37524 75
Oct. 12, 1898.	
To London Conference Branch	\$5778 70
Bay of Quinte "	5694 17
Toronto "	5456 22
Hamilton "	5296 56
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference Branch	5255 45
Montreal "	4629 42
Nova Scotia "	3582 89
Manitoba & N.-W. "	1327 90
British Columbia "	515 25
Gower St. Auxiliary, St John's, Nfld.	197 47
West Circuit " " "	161 08
Bonavista " " "	36 00
Epworth League Gower St. Church, St. John's, Newfoundland	100 00
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Government Grant, Crosby Home	1166 00
Sale of work from Kanazawa Industrial School.....	509 05
Donations—	
A well-wisher, Portage la Prairie, for Jennie Ford Home	\$1 00
Mrs. Gordon Wright, London	25 00
Miss C. J. Wigle, Essex.....	2 00
Harris & Bull, Vancouver, B.C., fees and disbursements <i>re</i> Ellen Ata- wassa	75 00
For Jennie Ford Home—	
Amanda Hodge's S. S. Class \$5 00	
Junior League, Clandeboye.. 1 00	
Junior League, Lucan	1 00
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	110 00
Returned travelling expenses, Miss Minnie Spence, Port Simpson.....	17 00
Interest, Bank of Toronto	874 30

EXPENDITURE.	
By Japan —	
Drafts to Secretary-Treasurer	\$13000 00
On account of salaries, per teacher's orders	2152 39
Salaries on furlough	150 00
Travelling expenses and incidentals.....	497 10
Outfit	100 00
Roberts' Rules of Order	0 75
	\$15900 24*
Indian Work.	
Port Simpson—Crosby Home maintenance.	
Salaries, travelling exp., etc \$3802 43	
Organ and freight.....	26 28
Harris & Bull, legal exp ..	75 00
Insurance (3 years).....	100 00
	\$4003 71
Hospital grant—travelling expenses, and surgical instruments, etc....	950 61
Chilliwack—	\$4954 32
W.M.S. share of expenses	813 86
Organ and freight.....	26 28
Furlough expenses and salaries	275 00
	1115 14
Kit-a-maat	700 00
White Fish Lake	300 00
McDougall Orphanage, re-furnishing	300 00
	7369 46
China—	
Drafts to Secretary-Treasurer	\$2500 00
On account of salaries, per teacher's orders	172 39
Drugs	136 26
Outfit	100 00
	2908 65
Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, B.C.—	
Salaries, maintenance, furnishing, rescue exp , etc	1883 00
Extra allowance to Miss Bowes for nursing	10 00
Taxes on property	88 67
Fell & Gregory, legal expenses <i>re</i> Elsie	262 61
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French Work	4073 00
Newfoundland Orphanage	500 00
Kanazawa Industrial Work, Duty, etc.	80 42
Literature—	
Grant to Room 20 and Branch Depots.....	\$720 00
" Editor <i>Outlook</i>	100 00
" " <i>Palm Branch</i>	70 00
	\$890 00

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Returned travelling expenses, Miss Minnie Spence, Port Simpson 17 00
 Interest, Bank of Toronto 874 30

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BEQUEST ACCOUNT, 1897-98.

Oct. 18th, 1897.

To Balance in Bank of Toronto \$3988 23
 Interest for year 117 50
 By Balance in Bank of Toronto \$4105 73

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London Branch \$393 79
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 British Columbia Branch 125 50
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 Toronto " 1037 99
 Montreal " 1201 63
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Audited and certified correct, Oct. 13th, 1898,

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Grant to Room 20 and Branch Depots \$720 00
 " Editor *Outlook* 100 00
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Expenses—

Sexton at Board Meeting, Whitby 5 00
 Officers' expenses for year, including exchange on drafts, etc. 78 96

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Delegates' Expenses—

To Board Meeting, Whitby 724 35
 To Executive Meetings during year 175 95

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By Balance cash in Bank of Toronto 43281 90

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Total amount raised by Branches, Auxiliaries and Bands in 1898.... \$38031 11
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Increase \$1575 79

Total amount from all sources in 1898, including interest on bequest account \$40,824 96

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Increase \$1691 44

*Japan draft paid after books closed (being balance of appropriation for year), \$3,500.00.

MARCELLA WILKES,

REPORT OF FIELD CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
W. M. S., 1897-98.

As the tribes of Israel went up yearly to the feasts of the Lord in Jerusalem, singing psalms of trust and gladness, ever recruiting their ranks on the way, thus adding to their enthusiasm and sense of unity, always bringing a younger member of some family to introduce to the courts of the Lord; always regretfully leaving behind some aged pilgrim, whose heart, but not whose steps, are with the joyous worshippers; so we from the east and west gathered in our annual meeting with thanksgiving to God, and in loving fellowship with one another.

The fifteen "Songs of Degrees," as sung by the pilgrims to Zion, were not more appropriate to them than to us.

"In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me."

"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

"Unto thee lift I up mine eyes. O thou that dwellest in the heavens."

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," etc.

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever."

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways."

"Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me."

"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord."

"Lord, my heart is not haughty nor my eyes lofty."

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion, he hath desired it for his habitation."

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord."

"The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."

Surely in these Psalms we can find expression, as individuals or as a society, for all varieties of our experience, from the depths of affliction to the heights of deliverance and triumph; from trembling fear to unshaken trust; from self-abasement to the shout of those clothed with salvation and crowned with victory; from those shrinking under impending trouble to those who have escaped; from those who have sown in tears to those who have reaped in joy.

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“What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits?”

Shall we make known in part what He has been accomplishing through the varied, yet united, agencies of this Society; for all connected with it have had a share, from the devoted earnest missionaries to the youngest child that has carried home the truth taught, and has thus, perhaps, been the last link in bringing the parents to come and hear for themselves “the Gospel of the blessed God”; from our honored and beloved President to the youngest member of a Mission Band; from Newfoundland on the east to far-away western China on the borders of Tibet.

Unitedly we say, “Now, therefore our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name, for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.”

Taking in the whole scope of our work we can thankfully report advance in membership, in resources, in stations, in pupils.

JAPAN.

All our schools being conducted on strictly Christian lines, that is, with the Bible daily taught and intelligently studied, with the atmosphere of prayer to God, and with kind forbearance and helpfulness to one another, we are not surprised to learn of a deepening spiritual growth. For coldness of heart they find, as we do here, that earnest work is an excellent remedy; hence those who have accepted Christ are encouraged to seek others, and are taught how to work and win.

The Sabbath is made especially attractive, and former pupils esteem it a great privilege when they can return from their homes, where they perhaps stand alone as Christians, and can spend a Sabbath in their old school home, and thus gain strength and courage.

The three schools in the cities of Tokyo, Shizuoka and Kofu have 138 boarding and ninety-three day pupils. Of these eighty-seven are attending class, five having been baptized this last year. Studies are carried on both in English and Japanese; three have graduated in the former and seven in the latter the past season; also two in the sewing department.

As evidence of the intimate relation between educational and evangelistic work, thirty-five students assist in specific religious effort, and eleven trained native helpers, besides six Bible-women; but the great difficulty is to find suitable and qualified workers. However, special effort for the evangelization and instruction of women is made by our lady missionaries in twenty-four stations. Six hundred and sixty-four meetings for women have been held, while every Sabbath, in the sixteen Sunday Schools under our care, an average of 485 children are taught concerning the Saviour of the world.

What effect must this have not only on the children themselves, but on the homes where they repeat what they have learned? In

addition, 112 children's meetings have been held with a good average attendance, which is increasing.

Among the women 5,322 visits have been made, and as a gracious reward twenty-seven have been received into the Church and baptized. How much this must mean to those who have patiently met with these women, perhaps half a dozen at a time, and, after "line upon line," have watched the gradual awakening of interest and intelligent grasp of a portion of the truth, to be treasured and pondered until the next time when a little more would be received.

The King's Daughters' School reaches out to sixty-four poor children who otherwise would receive no intellectual or spiritual training. This, too, furnishes a fine outlet for the zeal and effort of the Christian girls.

We must not forget to visit the two orphanages in Tokyo and Kanazawa, which shelter and train children until they are old enough to be apprenticed. There are now twenty-nine whose tiny fingers are taught such industries as they can compass.

In Kanazawa there are also day and night schools for the poor and industrial classes. Through giving employment, instruction and Sabbath privilege are thus afforded them. In this city it is urged that land be secured, a home built for our missionaries where they could have more direct supervision of the work, and come in closer contact with those whose lives they are trying to brighten.

Various other lines of activity indicate but little rest or recreation for these Canadian young women who so faithfully carry on the work of the Woman's Missionary Society—classes for young men, for policemen, for Bible-women, for other workers, visits to hospital, etc.

Of late permission has been granted in Shizuoka and Kofu to hold short meetings in two or three cotton and silk factories—long desired and so much needed—where the busy wheels are whirling seven days in the week, and the tired women and girls have to keep pace with them from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. What chance for body, mind or soul?

This last year anew city (Nagano) has been entered. A few pupils have been taught and meetings held in several surrounding places. Two Sunday Schools have been opened since March, and two women baptized. Providential leadings are being carefully watched that the best line of work may be adopted.

The mother school in Tokyo, from which such strong healthful influences have emanated, and whose impress for good has marked so many youthful lives during these past fourteen years, finds itself in urgent need of new quarters. The land so kindly loaned by the General Missionary Society is now required for the use of the Boys' School to enlarge their playground. A good part of our building has become very much dilapidated, and it will be a question for this Board to decide on the advisability of securing a most advantageous lot in the neighborhood, now offered for sale, and erecting a building suited to the present and prospective needs.

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This review of the work in Japan would be sadly lacking were there not some regretful reference to the withdrawal from the mission staff, owing to ill health, of Rev. Dr. Macdonald, who, from our entrance on that field sixteen years ago, has never failed to be the sympathizing friend, the courteous gentleman, the patient and wise counsellor, the practical helper, the skilful and untiring physician both to teachers and pupils, and very often, in times of discouragement and perplexity, has proved himself "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Our missionaries, and we as a Society, owe to him and his kind companion a debt of gratitude which cannot be repaid, but will not soon be forgotten.

CHINA.

In China we have four representatives—two teachers, one lady doctor and a nurse—now comfortably settled in their convenient and cheerful home. The dormitories have been completed, and we rejoice to report fourteen little boarders with, of course, unbound feet. A second day-school or class has been opened on the premises and a capable woman placed in charge. Forty-three day pupils have been enrolled.

The "Jennie Ford" Home, providing for fifteen, has been finished. It must surely be a sort of heaven to the five little rescued waifs. One of these has already been transferred to the heavenly home, and the kindness and respect shown to such a young child by Christians has made a deep impression on the neighborhood. This is the first one to greet her in whose memory the Home was established.

Every Sabbath about sixty-five children are taught in the Sunday School conducted by our missionaries, and some fifty women at the same hour come to hear the story of redemption. Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Mr. Hartwell conducts a meeting for women which is well attended.

Medical work is also being carried on, although our ladies have tried to follow the advice so earnestly given to devote the first year chiefly to study. Four pleasant rooms in the hospital have been lathed and plastered, other wards have board partitions, the wall around the compound has been freshly plastered with lime and soot. Eighty treatments have been given since the dispensary was temporarily closed, and several cases of measles were under care at last accounts. It was expected full medical work would again begin in November.

Tracts and leaflets have been distributed liberally, with prayer that the Spirit of God might use the printed page in opening the mind to the reception of the truth. Many opportunities have to be unused through lack of workers, native and foreign, or through inability to use the language.

CHINESE HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.

The history of this home during the year has been varied and somewhat depressing at times, owing to the restlessness of some of the girls. One who had gone away was, however, glad to return after an absence of some months. Another, whose case had been brought into court several times (always resulting in her being continued in the care of the Home, and this being confirmed when an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court), still remains an anxiety and a great care. Of late she has been allowed to attend the public school and has seemed more contented. For a time there were three Chinese and three Japanese in the Home, but two of the latter have left and so the scene changes.

During the summer one of the married girls, Daisy—after an operation in the hospital for appendicitis—passed away, we believe, to the better land, the first of our band in Victoria. Unremitting care and toil have been the portion of the Home-Mother, but she has not been without evidence of the Lord's presence and acceptance of her labors. The Friday meeting has had an increased attendance and has proved a great spiritual help to the Chinese who come there to worship and to be instructed.

A Mission Band formed in the Home has awakened an interest for others, and quite a liberal offering has been made. The evangelistic work has continued both in Victoria and other places, sixty-one homes having been entered, and where formerly admission was denied, a welcome is now given; 1,011 visits have been made, and at intervals trips have been taken to the mainland. The Home girls have been taught, and a meeting on Sabbath afternoons, averaging sixteen in attendance, has been "a real joy."

Both among Chinese and Japanese, literature has been distributed and Gospel seed scattered wherever opportunity offered. During the year a day-school has been opened in the Home. Seventy have been enrolled with an average attendance of thirty-six. A flourishing night-school has been for some time carried on at the Chinese chapel under the General Missionary Society, and forty-seven of these boys have also availed themselves of the day-school. Bright and tractable, they have shown unvarying kindness to their teacher and several have become Christians.

INDIAN WORK.

PORT SIMPSON, B. C.

The Crosby Girls' Home, situated in this the prettiest and most advanced Indian village on the Pacific coast, has had a good record this past year. The number of pupils has reached forty and gratifying progress has been made in all departments. An increased love

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of reading has been manifest, a creditable display of needlework was made, and improved lives and deportment have evidenced a deeper earnestness of spiritual conviction. Five girls have received lessons on the organ, a new instrument being welcomed in place of the old one. A good deal of sickness has added greatly to the care of those in charge.

We are glad to note that the Institution is gaining in the confidence of the parents.

HOSPITAL.

The two nurses maintained here have been unremitting in their devotion to their arduous duties, ministering to the sick both in the building and among the villagers, also at Port Essington on the Skæna. Miss Spence has been most heartily welcomed back after her furlough in Ontario, taking with her a nurse's outfit in the way of surgical and other appliances, which will be of great service especially in the absence of the doctor.

COQUALEETZA INDIAN INSTITUTE, CHILLIWACK, B.C.

No longer does this make a heavy financial claim on our Society, but we rejoice in its increasing prosperity. Nearly one hundred pupils have been in residence, and not only in their studies but in industrial lines they are progressing. This last year, among the girls, has been marked by quite an advance in their already proficient sewing department, over \$120 having been earned by dressmaking.

It is a busy family both in the house and out in the fields, in the laundry and in the shoe shop, in the dairy and at the carpenter's bench. Healthy, intelligent, useful Christian citizenship is the aim of the earnest teachers in charge.

KIT-A-MAAT, B.C.

The grant made to Rev. Mr. Raley has enabled him to keep some thirty Indian children, training them in morals and leading them to better lives than their parents knew. Here sickness has added greatly to the care of those already heavily burdened with all the daily demands which such a household brings.

The common-place, unnoticed duties of these faithful toilers, so far removed from the privileges of Christian civilization, done in His name, will not lose their reward.

FRENCH WORK.

The French Methodist Institute, Montreal, has had in attendance fifty boys and forty-two girls. General good health has prevailed. Harmony and hard work have been characteristic. The religious life of the pupils has deepened, and twelve new names have been added to the membership of the Church.

EVANGELISTIC.

The East and West End schools, with an enrolment of seventy-two and one hundred respectively, supplemented by the visits of the Bible-women, have continued their beneficent work and have had a quiet influence for good on many lives.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Methodist Orphanage in St. John's continues its much-needed aid to those deprived of their natural guardians, but the friends in that city who are so notably generous in our Methodism have signified their intention of trying to do without the grant given for several years by the Woman's Missionary Society.

After thus glancing over our various fields, what can we say? "Who is sufficient for these things?"

From every station our workers send the plea, "Pray for us." As we read their letters from month to month shall we not follow each individual mentioned with a prayer? In our several perplexities and labors we are "workers together" with one another and with God; and may we not confidently expect the fulfilment of His assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

E. S. STRACHAN,
Field Corresponding Secretary.

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HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1897-98.

In reviewing the work of the year we are sorry to note, for the first time, a decrease in the number of Auxiliaries.

We report 679 Auxiliaries, a decrease of one, with 14,693 annual members, an increase of 462, and 916 life-members, making a total membership of 15,609.

The number of Mission Circles and Bands is 279, increase 2, with a membership of 7,223, an increase of 747.

We are thankful for the help given, and the interest shown by the young people of our Church, the amount contributed by them, through the Circles and Bands, being \$6,198.96, an increase of \$344.53, and from Epworth Leagues, \$638.08, making a total of \$6,838.04.

Great interest has been manifested in the special support of children in the boarding school and Jennie Ford Orphanage, West China. The Walsingham Centre (Ont.) League has assumed the support of a girl in the school; the Junior League of Waterdown, Ont., of another, and the Mission Band of Goderich, Ont., of a third. A Sunday-morning class of girls in the First Church, London, has taken charge of one of the little ones in the Orphanage, the leader, Mrs. Eccles, becoming responsible for the amount necessary during this year.

The Epworth League of Avon, Ont., has undertaken the support of a Bible-woman in Japan; an Auxiliary, that of another; and a third is being supported by a private member of an Auxiliary. These are the additions during the year to the previous list.

Acting on the suggestion given by the Board last year, the Newfoundland Auxiliaries have affiliated with the Nova Scotia Branch. We hope this union may prove to be of mutual benefit, and pray that Auxiliaries and Branch may be abundantly blessed in their coming together. And so will we ever pray, "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

STATISTICAL REPORT, 1897-98.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.		Annual Members.	Net Increase.	Life-members.	Total Member-ship.	Mission Circles and Bands.	Mission Band Membership.	Receipts from Annual Members' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mite-boxes.	Donations and Thank-offerings.	Mission Circles and Bands.	Epworth Leagues.	Other Sources.	Remitted to Gen'l Treas.
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London Conference ..	93	3	2080	36	97	2177	24	1040	\$2004 54	\$226 00	\$554 72	\$1258 32	\$1041 57	\$62 52	\$696 29	\$5778 70
Hamilton ..	96	4	2128	38	165	2293	40	1336	2127 00	275 00	282 67	1466 46	912 99	126 94	105 50	5296 56
Toronto ..	78	1	2090	59	217	2307	32	782	2009 15	425 00	174 21	1446 94	477 54	264 71	800 00	5456 22
Bay of Quinte ..	140	2	2950	139	102	3052	42	884	2950 00	250 00	172 30	1255 52	536 00	48 18	568 60	5694 17
Montreal ..	100	4	2068	8	107	2175	25	616	2068 29	200 00	316 55	1486 82	393 65	..	287 26	4629 42
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AUXILIARIES OUTSIDE OF BRANCHES.																
St. John's, Nfld.—	1	..	65	20	5	70	66 50	25 00	28 20	36 10	44 67	197 47
George Street	1	..	40	..	1	41	26 00	50 25	60 70	..	26 94	161 08
Bonavista, Nfld.	1	..	22	..	3	25	20 00	16 05	36 00
Gower St. Ep. League	100 00	..	100 00
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REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The work of the Literature Committee has increased so steadily that it has this year been found necessary to departmentize it to some extent amongst the members.

At the close of last year the Woman's Missionary Society books were revised and a new set brought out, the Committee deeming it advisable to print only two—one for the Recording Secretary and one for the Treasurer.

An envelope for monthly offerings has been provided, consisting of one envelope containing twelve smaller ones.

Arrangements were completed by which the Committee now issues the Missionary Pins, a royalty on each being paid to the owners, which sum eventually returns to our Woman's Missionary Society. Gold pins for both Auxiliary and Mission Band life-members have been issued, and a silver pin for Mission Bands. These are all very pretty and we think have found favor with the Society.

The leaflet "Origin and Work" was revised and added to by Mrs. Willmott, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Strachan, and now appears under the new name of "Organization and Work of the Woman's Missionary Society."

In response to a memorial from Brampton, received at the last Board meeting, the Committee has under preparation a little Missionary Hymnal, words only, which we hope to issue this autumn.

More attention this year has been paid to helps for Mission Bands; we find, however, this class of literature very difficult to obtain. "Bricks for Builders," by Mrs. Gayfer, of Hamilton, is a very valuable addition to our Mission Band literature.

Twenty-one thousand envelopes for Auxiliaries and eight thousand for Mission Bands were sent out for the Easter Thank-offering, containing "An Appeal" prepared by the New Brunswick Branch.

The Cycle of Prayer has been revised and subjected to some alterations and improvements.

The Committee has under consideration the preparation of slides for lanterns giving views of the Homes, Schools, Hospitals maintained by the Woman's Missionary Society and other points of interest to members of our Society.

The issue of the *Monthly Letter* is 13,000 copies. We hope to receive some valuable suggestions concerning it from the papers given at the various Branch meetings on the subject.

We are pleased to state that the establishment of Branch depots has not interfered in the slightest degree with the business of Room 20, but rather the reverse.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BASCOM, *Secretary.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR AMERICAN PERIODICALS.

<i>Missionary Review</i>	37
<i>Gospel in all Lands</i>	24
<i>Deaconess Advocate</i>	9
<i>Illustrated Christian World</i>	6
<i>Missionary Woman's Friend</i>	4

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF
LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.*Receipts.*

To Balance cash on hand, Sept. 1st, 1897.....	\$267 87
" Sale of Leaflets and W.M.S. Books..	\$931 57
" Monthly Letters	678 61

GRANT ACCOUNT.

" Grant and interest, including Grants to Branch Depots.....	725 25
" Sale of Reports.....	337 13
" Organizers' outfits and miscellaneous items	2 15
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Disbursements.

By Printing and purchase of Miscellan- eous Leaflets and W.M.S. Books..	\$952 22
" Printing Monthly Letter	648 67
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" Printing and mailing reports.....	574 07
" Printing and mite-boxes.....	120 90
" Rent, salary of assistant, street car fare of Secretary-Treasurer, Grants to Branch Depots, etc	421 82
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" Balance cash on hand	224 90
Total.....	\$2,942 58 \$2,942 58

A. L. OGDEN, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

MARCELLA WILKES.

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED.

Poem—"What is That in Thine Hand?"	500	copies.
Missionary Standards of Living	5,000	"
Our Work, No. XI.....	1,000	"
Slavery in Modern Japan	400	"
Watch Tower.....	1,000	"
Missionary Exercise, Mrs. Hardy.....	1,000	"
Organization and Work of the Woman's Missionary Society....	5,000	"
Liquor Traffic and Its Cure.....	1,000	"
Cycle of Prayer.....	3,000	"
Hindu Widowhood.....	1,000	"
Bricks for Builders.....	1,000	"
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Four-and-Twenty Blackbirds.....	1,000	"
Africa for Christ.....	350	"
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MANITOBA BRANCH DEPOT.

At the close of another year we find that our expectations for the Literature Depot for Manitoba and the North-West Conference have been fully realized. The work has grown very considerably, most of the Auxiliaries taking advantage of the Depot and sending their orders to it. We are carrying a much larger stock of literature, etc., than last year, as the demands are not only greater but much more general, and we still believe the work is destined to steadily grow and extend.

ELLA NEILSON, *Literature Secretary.*

LITERATURE REPORT, EASTERN PROVINCES BRANCH DEPOT.

RECEIPTS.

1897-98. Grant from Board	\$10 00	
Ordinary sale of Leaflets, Badges, etc.....	27 13	
Sales at Branch	5 32	
	<hr/>	\$42 45

EXPENDITURE.

1897-98. Literature, Badges, etc., from Room 20	\$24 85	
Local Expenses.....	2 46	
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Balance on hand.....		15 14
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CARRIE J. STEWART.

Audited and found correct.

H. L. STEWART.

Sackville, N.B.; October 13th, 1898.

“PALM BRANCH” REPORT—OCTOBER, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Subscriptions received.....	\$263 25
“ Grant made at Board.....	60 00
“ Balance from last year	4 96
“ Further grant from Board	10 00
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EXPENDITURE.

By Printing and binding	\$302 72
" Mailing and postage	20 10
" Illustrations for paper	11 20
" Wrapping paper	0 75
" Office expenses	3 44
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SARAH E. SMITH.

I have examined the subscription and circulation lists of the *Palm Branch* and Miss Smith's accounts in detail, and find that this statement of receipts and payment is correct, and that there are vouchers for all money expended.

S. D. SCOTT.

We have had this year 2,619 subscribers—

Toronto Branch	291
Bay of Quinte Branch	245
Montreal Branch	197
Hamilton Branch	149
London Branch	142
(Not in the Report)	41
Manitoba Branch	78
British Columbia Branch	32
Newfoundland Branch	13
United States	1
Nova Scotia Branch	577
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch	853
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1889-90	- - - - -	25,560 76
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" Sifton, " " " " "

" Hargrave, Nagano, Japan.

" Brackbill, Canadian Methodist Mission, Chentu, Sz-Chuen, China, *via*
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" Paul, " " " " " "

" Elliott, " " " " " "

" Spence, Hospital, Port Simpson, B.C.

" Laurence, " " " " "

" Alton, Coqualeetza Institute, Chilliwack, B.C.

" Smith, " " " " "

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NOVEMBER 8th, 1881.**

NAME.	WHERE STATIONED.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
<i>m</i> Alexander, Eva	Japan, 1892-95	Streetsville, Ont.
Alton, Sarah E.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1895	Oakville, Ont.
Alcorn, Bessie H.	Japan, 1896	Sackville, N.B.
<i>r</i> Anderson, M.	French Work, 1891-98	Montreal, Que.
<i>r</i> Bouchard, M.	French Work, 1886	
Blackmore, Isabella	Japan, 1889-94, 1895	Truro, N.S.
<i>r</i> Beavis, Ellen	Port Simpson, B.C., 1891-96	Hastings, Ont.
<i>m</i> Brown, Amelia M.	China, 1892	Aylmer, Ont.
Burpee, M.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1893-98	New Brunswick.
Brackbill, Sara C.	China, 1893	Ridgeway, Ont.
Belton, Alice E.	Japan, 1894	Clayton, Ont.
Bowes, Sarah	Victoria, B.C., 1895	Milton, Ont.
Brooks, Lottie A.	China, 1897	Hastings, Ont.
<i>r</i> Cartmell, M. J.	Japan, 1882-87, 1892-96 Victoria, B.C., 1890-92	Hamilton, Ont.
<i>r</i> Cochran, S.	Japan, 1886	Toronto, Ont.
<i>m</i> Cochran, M.	Japan, 1885-90	Toronto, Ont.
Cunningham, Janie	Japan, 1887-92, 1893	Halifax, N.S.
Clarke, Lavinia	Chilliwack, B.C., 1890-95 Port Simpson, B.C., 1896	Pownal, P.E.I.
<i>r</i> Caldwell, Leda S.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1892-95	Summerville, N.S.
*Crombie, E. M.	Japan, 1893-98	Juvenile, N.B.
<i>m</i> Cushing, Annie	Japan, 1892-93	
Churchill, Elizabeth	Victoria, B.C., 1897	Toronto, Ont.
<i>m</i> Elderkin, Laura E.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1889-93	Port Greville, N.S.
Elliott, Jennie	Port Simpson, B.C., 1898	Toronto, Ont.
<i>d</i> Ford, Jennie M.	China, 1893-95	Dresden, Ont.
Foster, Mary A.	China, 1896	N. Kingston, N.S.
<i>m</i> Hendrie, M.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1882-85	Brantford, Ont.
<i>m</i> Hart, Sarah L.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1888-93	Berwick, N.S.
Hargrave, Isabella M.	Japan, 1889-94, 1896	Winnipeg, Man.
Hart, Lizzie	Japan, 1889-94, 1896	Acadia, N.S.
<i>m</i> Hart, Nellie G.	Japan, 1889-94	Picton, Ont.
Jackson, M.	French Work, 1890	Montreal, Que.
Jost, Hattie J.	Japan, 1897	Sydney, C.B.
<i>m</i> Knight, Agnes	Port Simpson, B.C., 1885-90	Halifax, N.S.
<i>m</i> Kilborn, Retta Gifford	China, 1893-97	Owen Sound, Ont.
Killam, Maud, M.D.	China, 1897	Yarmouth, N.S.
<i>r</i> Large, Eliza Spencer	Japan, 1885-90, 1891-95	Paris, Ont.
<i>d</i> Lund, Hannah	Japan, 1887-92	Woodstock, Ont.
<i>m</i> Leake, Annie	Victoria, B.C., 1887-92	Parrsboro', N.S.
<i>r</i> Lambly, Marion K.	Japan, 1894-98	Bloomfield, Ont.
Lawrence, Emma	Port Simpson, B.C., 1894	Victoria, B.C.
Morgan, Kate	Japan, 1888-92 Victoria, B.C., 1896	Brantford, Ont.
Matthieu, M.	French Work, 1893	Montreal, Que.
Munro, Jessie K.	Japan, 1888-93, 1894	Peterboro', Ont.
Masten, Isabel	Montreal, Que., 1890	Montreal, Que.
<i>r</i> Morrow, Mrs. Mary E.	Victoria, B.C., 1892-95	Barrie, Ont.
Preston, E. A.	Japan, 1888-93, 1894	Mt. Pleasant, Ont.
Paul, Hannah M.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1895	Newburgh, Ont.
Robertson, Minnie A.	Japan, 1891-96, 1897	St. John, N.B.
<i>r</i> Roy, Mrs.	Actonvale, Que., 1887-89	
<i>r</i> Ross, Kate*	Port Simpson, B.C., 1890-91	Toronto, Ont.
*Redner, Mrs. J.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1893-98	Hastings, Ont.
Spence, Miss	Port Simpson, B.C., 1892-97, 98	Kingston, Ont.
<i>r</i> Shoults, Bertha	Japan, 1891-92	Toronto, Ont.
Smith, Maggie	Chilliwack, B.C., 1893-98	Maitland, N.S.
<i>r</i> Somers, Frances	Chilliwack, B.C., 1889-91	
Sifton, Ida	Japan, 1897	Strathroy, Ont.
<i>r</i> Vessot, Mlle.	Actonvale, Que., 1886	
Veazey, M. Abbie	Japan, 1892-97, 98	St. Stephen, N.B.
<i>m</i> Wintemute, S. Agnes	Japan, 1886-92	St. Thomas, Ont.
<i>r</i> Wickett, Florence G.	Victoria, B.C., 1893-96	Toronto, Ont.
Washington, Edith	Japan, 1897	Minesing, Ont.
Wigle, Laura	Japan, 1895	Essex, Ont.

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SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

Many times since this Committee was organized have we been led to say, "How wonderful are thy ways, O Lord," and in this year as in the preceding ones our faith has been inspired and our labors lightened by the knowledge that we were following the divine pleasure. Many times have we received letters asking for special articles, and sometimes before such requests came to us, and at other times almost immediately after, would be received letters, offering the very things that were asked for.

Very little idea of the work done can be conveyed to you by merely mentioning the fact that over \$5,000 worth of goods have been distributed during the year, and that assistance has been given in as widely separated places as Oka, Que., and Port Simpson, B.C. We would like for a moment to bring you into touch with the hundreds of women and young people all over our fair Dominion who are interested in this department of our work.

By many the work is planned for months ahead—thought over and prayed over—and such being the case, can we wonder that we get letters from the receivers of our boxes saying, "Surely God must have put it into your hearts to send us just what we most needed but hardly dared ask for." You will be glad to know that some of the Leagues are doing splendid work in this way, as in many others, though it is no new thing to find our young people engaged in such errands of mercy and help, and with sunny face and cheery voice, in sick rooms and hospitals, or with well-filled baskets of food or clothing and a few kindly words of sympathy relieving the strain of some poor heart and bringing sunshine into many homes. This is the work being carried on all over the Dominion by members of our Auxiliaries, Bands and Leagues.

A Junior League in one of our cities has become so much interested in a missionary's family through loving work for them, that they say they have adopted them, and as long as such help is needed intend to supply them with good and useful gifts. A letter received from one of our missionaries says, "It was very cheering after a forty-mile drive, facing a blizzard with the thermometer thirty-five below zero, to receive your letter, and to know that someone is thinking and planning for our comfort. Words fail to express our thankfulness and joy when we opened the case sent to us—surprise after surprise awaited us. If you had been intimately acquainted with our circumstances you could not have supplied our needs any better. It was a happy day for our little girl, for the boxes arrived on her birth-day, and in the first case we opened we found a beautiful cloak for her and a box containing a cradle and a doll."

Another letter says, "It was with feelings of great thankfulness to God as well as pleasure and delight that we unpacked and looked

over the beautiful and useful articles sent. We felt that God had sent them. It was a great boon to us to have so much ready made up, as after doing the house-work, including bread and butter making, washing, etc., and taking care of my little ones, I have very little time or strength for sewing."

Still another letter says, "I cannot adequately express our gratitude for the box so kindly sent. It showed so many tokens of the spirit of Christian brotherhood and of kindly consideration for our needs in its contents. Could we have enumerated them we could not have been better provided for. It contained the things we needed most, and how to obtain these had given us some anxious thought and had been included in our petitions to the Father before we had any expectation of a box being sent to us."

We do not confine our gifts to the North-West, but in the lumber regions of our own Ontario many homes are brightened, burdens lifted, hope renewed, and comfort given by these silent messengers conveyed through us by our brethren on their fields of labor. The following extracts of letters will tell you of some of the families helped in this way. One family consisting of mother, father and three children—the mother laid up with abscess under her arm—father getting only an occasional day's work—living on potatoes chiefly, with beef feet as the only meat—not sufficient clothing in house to keep out frost—had to tear a blanket in two so as to have part under and part over the children—rags sewn together for shoes—children unable to attend school or church. To these were given quilts and clothing which was absolutely necessary to them. Result—able to get out to service and school regularly. Another family of five drove eight miles to the Christmas tree, received quilts, clothing, etc., of which they were in great need. I wish you could have seen the light of joy that beamed in every one of their faces as they started for home that Christmas eve, for although they were present at the entertainment, they were scarcely presentable.

This practical exercise of charity has been a great help to the churches in these districts, and it is not a little thing that by the distribution of clothing from a box sent by Auxiliary or Band that many members have been added to the Church.

In addition to these places, we have sent a considerable amount of goods to the far distant missions in the North-West where the Indians are very poor. At one of the reserves one-half of the Indians sleep on the floor of their log-houses with one quilt over them, all through the winter; half of the others nail up a kind of shelf made with rough boards, to sleep on; the best have cheap bedsteads. Even those who are better off than the rest, live from hand to mouth. All kinds of clothing are thankfully received. Many of the children are a pitiable sight, attending school daily with scarcely sufficient clothing to cover them.

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Last Christmas at the Industrial School at Brandon was the most delightful ever spent at that Institute. Kind friends from the eastern portion of the Dominion, from Grimsby in the west to Montreal on the sea-board, sent practical expressions of their interest, accompanied with words of cheer and hearty wishes. Why Christian people who had never seen the pupils should care enough for them to send them gifts was a source of perplexity as well as gratification to the little people in the Home. How the eyes beamed when some boy or girl received the first gift ever taken from a Christmas tree. Smiles and tears blended with astonishment and tenderness when the anxious girl received her first doll. Sometimes stillness prevailed until a pin-drop might have been heard, then a surge of wild enthusiasm swept the house until one could hardly hear himself speak. It was a long time before any thought of sleep came to the minds of the happy children, and among the many things that the principal and staff had to be thankful for was the pleasing fact that not one of all the pupils was absent from the gathering, and there was no cot in all the Home over which the clouds of disappointment rested.

There are Indians nearer to us than those in the North-West who are just as grateful for the good gifts sent to them. A letter of appreciation from the missionary to one of the Auxiliaries says: "Every article sent us was so useful, and just what we needed to supply their wants. The Indians often say, 'How do the white ladies know what we want? And yet it is so good, they have sent just what we wanted most.'

"It is a precious Gospel lesson to them, for we can tell them that you are the daughters of the King, and the Lord makes known to you their needs, and this is the reason why they receive articles so suitable.

"In unpacking and in examining your box we thought of all the hard work on the beautiful quilts, of the persistent stick-at-it-iveness to complete so much, and the thought might well come, Where are they going and what use is it?

"1st. They are a comfort to God's children of the forest, who have not one-quarter the comforts we have. Some of His aged saints are wrapped in your cozy quilts, protected from the cold blast of winter, in homes where the snow can be seen through the cracks in the walls.

"2nd. Never forget that it is treasure laid up for you in heaven.

"While a woman was trying on one of the garments we were praying that it might be made a blessing to her, when she turned round and said, with tears in her eyes, 'It seems to me as if Jesus' arm is round me as I pull this garment on.'

"My sisters, what an honor is yours to be the instrument of leading a poor woman to feel by your gifts 'The hand-touch of Christ.' Many of them are this year realizing the loving tenderness of Jesus as they never have before.

"Our poor Indian people, when looking over your excellent gifts, say, 'White ladies must be angels to send us such good, nice things.' We say, 'Yes, God's ministering angels.' It is a real boon to a poor Indian family in an old log-house, with little wood to keep it warm, to get a good, heavy quilt.

"One old woman, 93 years of age, to whom a woollen blanket was sent, pointed her hand heavenward and said in her native tongue, 'I thank my God for this; I know He told them to send it.'"

Many of the Indians are dying every year for want of proper clothing. They only buy cotton underwear. The children in some reserves hardly know what it means to have a pair of mitts, and seldom see anything but cotton rags for stockings, even in the coldest weather. Those who have obtained a fair education are intelligent enough to appreciate the effort made to better their condition, and a desire is manifest among them to help each other. Those who are better off will repair their old clothing, and are often seen helping their less fortunate neighbors.

Sixty-five Missions have received help through this Committee, and 165 places sent over \$5,000 worth of goods for distribution. The Government has refunded \$107 which had been paid on freight to Indians in the North-West. The freight to British Columbia and Ontario has to be met by the different societies sending the goods.

R. M. BRIGGS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE, NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

For six months of last winter and spring this Committee has had the very pleasant work of distributing the various articles given to them.

We have appraised and packed goods to the amount of about one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00), and have also sent out more literature than in former years, with pictures and texts (many framed); then, too, pretty work baskets and small gifts, which cost little, but mean much more to those shut in sick-rooms or isolated places. In all, fourteen different parcels have been sent out. The account of what one illuminated text wrought for a dying man would make a valuable leaflet for our work. One worker writes, "I am not ashamed to say that I laughed and cried over the box you sent me. I have a place for every paper and every magazine."

Some of our efforts aided a few of God's own, who in times past had not dreamed of needing such help. Had we not received particularly good supplies from some of our donors, we would have been powerless in such cases. During the winter a case was reported of a little country boy who required surgical treatment, but who had

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no suitable clothing for the journey to a hospital; his wants were as far as possible attended to.

Let us not forget that links of fellowship created by our Supply Committee may be part of an everlasting chain of mutual ministry and joy.

ANNIE B. BLACK, *Sec. Supply Com. N. S. Branch.*

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

Pandora Auxiliary reports in the month of June one large box being sent to one of the Home Mission stations containing a miscellaneous assortment.

December 15th a box was sent to the west coast to Mrs. Tate, containing dolls, toys, books and other things. December 16th a large box was sent to Port Simpson, also containing dolls, toys, books and clothing, and as these boxes left the house a prayer was breathed to Heaven that God's blessing might accompany them. The answer was most encouraging. Mrs. Redner said one girl had been murmuring because she had not a nice dress to wear. She was told to wait and see if someone would give her one. When the box came and was opened there was a navy blue dress which suited her nicely, and now she calls it the Jesus dress.

The Centennial Auxiliary sent five sacks of clothing to the west coast, Mr. Stone undertaking to distribute them where most needed.

A. J. PENDRAY, *Secretary.*

MCDUGALL ORPHANAGE—Received goods from Georgetown; small parcel from Mission Circle in Sarnia; two quilts from Zion Auxiliary, Wilfrid Circuit.

CHILLIWACK—One quilt from Charlottetown, P.E.I.

KIT-A-MAAT—A parcel from Melbourne, Que., valued at \$13.50; large bale from Sherbourne Street "Daughters of Comfort"; bale from Plainfield, valued at \$25.00; parcel from Waterloo, Que., value \$15.00; Moulinette.

BRANDON INSTITUTE—Bales from Brampton Grace Church Mission Band, value \$25.00; from Creemore, valued at \$66.00; Lakefield "Cheerful Workers" Mission Band, Christmas gifts; Grimsby Auxiliary and Lawrence Mission Circle, bale valued at \$40.00; Moncton, N.B., sent Christmas gifts worth \$18.50; Magog, \$58.00 worth; Franklin Centre Auxiliary, bale valued at \$23.00; Carlisle, \$13.00 worth.

MUNCEY (Rev. T. Mason)—Cases and bales from Paisley, \$25.00 ; Berlin, \$54.00 ; Scottsville, \$48.00 ; Essex, \$40.00 ; Cooksville, \$16.00 ; Ridgeway, \$20.00 ; Ker Auxiliary, \$15.00 ; West London, \$40.00 ; Castleton Auxiliary and Mission Band, \$36.00 ; Brussels, \$31.00.

MUNCEY (Rev. C. Vollick)—Bales from Thornton of clothing, boots and shoes, \$50.00 ; Alvinston, \$20.00 ; Bridgenorth, three quilts \$9.00 ; two quilts from Moulinette, \$5.00 ; Seaforth, \$35.00.

CROSBY HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.—Two quilts and underwear, valued at \$15.00, from "Busy Bees" of Berkeley Street Church, Toronto ; bale from Tweed Lodge Room Auxiliary, valued at \$15.00.

HOSPITAL AT PORT SIMPSON—Quilts and towels from Napanee W. ; pair of blankets from Bathurst Street Auxiliary ; flannelette garments from Sherbourne Street Auxiliary.

SASKATOON—Huntingdon, Que., \$23.00.

EDMONTON—Cobden, \$22.00 ; Askin Street Church, London South, \$43.85 ; St. Thomas.

NIPISSING DISTRICT (Rev. S. Huntington)—Bales from Inglewood, Owen Sound, Florence, Prescott, \$57.37 ; Augusta Mission Circle, \$13.00 ; Wicklow, \$8.00.

VICTORIA, N.W.T.—Bales from Iroquois, valued at \$59.00 ; Newington, \$70.00 ; Aylmer, \$31.00.

RAMA—Main Street Auxiliary, Picton, \$24.00 ; Demorestville, \$25.00.

BURNSIDE—Mark Street, Peterboro', \$75.00 ; Woodgreen Junior Epworth League, \$150.00 ; Lindsay Mission Circle, \$55.00.

OKA—Lansdowne, \$40.00 ; Cherry Valley, \$39.00.

WINDSOR, N.S.—Dominion Square, Montreal, sent \$70.00 worth of goods ; Highgate, \$42.00 ; Cobourg bedding and clothing, valued at \$60.00 ; Bath, \$23.00 ; Clinton ; Woodstock Central Church, \$90.00.

TROUT CREEK—Fullarton, \$57.00 ; Vanessa, \$26.00 ; seven quilts from Madoc, \$15.00 ; Chesley, \$40.00 ; box of dolls from Easter Mission Band, Otonabee, \$3.50.

SAHANATIEN—Acton, \$25.00 ; Milton, \$25.00 ; Brinstin's Corners, \$37.00.

SOUTH EDMONTON, ALTA.—Sydenham Street, Kingston, \$65.00 ; Friend in Montreal, \$25.00 worth of goods.

COMMANDA—Bale from Moira, valued at \$25.00, also pulpit Bible and hymn-book \$4.00.

WALFORD—Trenton, \$20.00 ; Rosehall Auxiliary ; one quilt from Hillier Auxiliary. In 1898, Beeton, \$30.00.

WEBBWOOD—Nichol Auxiliary, \$20.00.

CHELMSFORD—Gorrie, \$25.00 ; Inglewood, four quilts and clothing.

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WARREN—Seven heavy quilts from Walkerton, value \$16.00.

SCHREIBER—Waterdown, \$34.00 ; Otonabee Mission Band, \$20.00.

SUDBURY—Lucan, \$40.00 ; Stoney Creek, \$44.65, and Epworth League of Stoney Creek, \$5 35 ; Baltimore, bale of clothing ; Baillieboro', bale worth \$23.00.

NORTH BAY—Bale of clothing from Millgrove, \$37.00 ; bedding and clothing from Thomasburg, valued at \$32.00.

ORANGE RIDGE—Bale from Dungannon, \$75.00 ; Omeme, \$52.00.

VARS—Goods from Newtonville, \$20.00 ; Bowmanville, \$50.00 ; \$5.00 worth from Junior League of Tyrone ; Clandeboye, \$28.00 worth ; Courtice, \$25.00 ; Frankford, \$65.00.

BIRTLE—Sherbourne Street Auxiliary, goods valued at \$60.00 ; Ottawa, \$60.00.

SHAWANAGA—Junior Epworth League of Thessalon sent parcel of Christmas goods ; Tilsonburg Auxiliary and St. Thomas Mission Circle, \$30.00.

BRUCE MINES—Trinity Church, Toronto, sent case valued at \$52.00.

ROSSEAU—Lakefield Mission Circle, \$20.00 ; Adolphustown, \$17.00 ; Campbellford, \$50.00 ; Lakefield, \$20.00 ; Blenheim, \$27.00 ; case from Springbrook Auxiliary, Bolton, \$90.00.

POWASSAN—Iderton, \$32.00 ; Oakwood, \$36 00 ; Oshawa Mission Circle, \$50.00 ; Little Britain, \$40.00.

WALLACEBURG—Carp, \$15.00, clothing and Christmas presents ; Exeter, \$17.00 ; Rockwood, \$30.00.

SAUGEEN—Junior Epworth League of St. Mary's sent Christmas gifts and clothing.

GIRLS' SHELTER, TORONTO—Case worth \$30.00 from Milverton.

GANANOQUE EAST—Carlton Street Auxiliary sent parcel worth \$20.00.

PORT CARLING—"Golden Reapers" Mission Band, of Grace Church, St. Thomas, sent two barrels and parcel of clothing, valued at \$35.00 ; Norfolk Street (Guelph) Mission Band, clothing, books and toys, worth \$34.00.

PARRY ISLAND—Teeswater, two bales clothing, valued at \$31.00.

RAVENSWOOD—Strathroy, \$29.00 ; Beamsville, clothing, worth \$15.00.

CAPE CROKER—Wellington, \$30.00 ; Wesley Auxiliary, Bay of Quinte Branch, \$22.00 ; Clandeboye and Nursery Auxiliary, \$30.00 ; Cookstown, \$35.00.

SADDLE LAKE, ALTA.—Case from Beamsville.

CHINA—Quilt from Stouffville Mission Band, with Scripture texts.

DEACONESS HOME—Quilts from Burford, valued at \$16.00; Flesherton, \$25.00.

BURK'S FALLS—Parcel from Canfield, valued at \$9.00.

YEARLEYS, MUSKOKA—Barrel of clothing from Otonabee Easter Mission Band, \$10.00; South Woodslee, \$10.00.

ST. JOVITE, QUE.—Bale from St. Thomas, \$18.00; the "Gleaners" Mission Band of First Methodist Church, and from Odessa, a bale.

THESSALON—Bale of quilts from South Bay and Milford, worth \$10.00; one quilt from McCaul Street Auxiliary, Toronto.

COE HILL—Cases of bedding and clothing from Newcastle, \$18.00, and Tweed, \$45.00.

SPRUCEDALE—Children's clothing, from Lakefield, valued at \$11.00; Norwood, \$7.65; small parcel from Ottawa.

FRENCH INSTITUTE, MONTREAL—Six quilts from Walkerton, valued at \$14.00; Currie's Crossing, \$16.00; Unionville, \$15.00; Locust Hill, \$4.00; Hannah Street, Hamilton, sixteen yards of carpeting, \$8.00; St. Paul's Church, Toronto; two quilts from Mitchell; three quilts from Exeter, \$6.00; pillows and quilts from Springbrook, \$10.00; two quilts from Port Hope; two from Flesherton; twenty-five yards of rag carpet from Richmond Hill, value \$6.25.

WHITE FISH LAKE—Stratford, \$25.00; Bayham, \$13.00; St. Thomas "Gleaners Mission Circle," \$22.00; Centenary Church, Hamilton, \$50.00.

WHITE WHALE LAKE—Three bales of clothing from Belmont, valued at \$55.00; Tilsonburg.

NELSON HOUSE—Bales from Glencoe valued at \$55.00, and Ontario Ladies' College, \$30.00.

DUGALD—Case from Central Auxiliary of Toronto, value \$30.00.

PLEVNA—Frankford Auxiliary, \$91.00.

ROSSBURN—Two quilts and clothing, from East Toronto; quilts and small articles from Sarnia Mission Circle; flannelette underwear, from Elm Street Circle; dolls from Madoc Junior Mission Band; clothing from Carlton Street Auxiliary.

SELKIRK—Case of goods from Carlton Street Auxiliary, valued at \$30.00; quilts from Sillsville.

EMSDALE—Cases from Ormstown and Palmerston, \$31.00, October 1, 1898; case sent from Chatham Auxiliary, valued at \$42.00.

BURNT DISTRICT, OTTAWA—Case valued at \$35.00, from Selby.

POPLAR RIVER—Bale from Dominion Church, Ottawa, \$30.00.

BERENS RIVER—Bale of clothing from Grimsby, valued at \$13.00; 2 quilts from Napanee, \$10.00; new goods from Dominion Church, Ottawa, \$6.35; Watford, \$50.00; Minnedosa, Man., bale of clothing worth \$45.00.

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FISHER RIVER—Bales of bedding and clothing, valued at \$24.00, from Caledonia; from New Richmond Auxiliary, \$40.00; Zion Tabernacle, Hamilton; Parliament Street, \$50.00; Currie's Crossing, \$25.00.

OXFORD HOUSE—Zion Auxiliary, Alma Circuit, quilts and clothing, valued at \$47.00.

NORWAY HOUSE—Switzerville Auxiliary, \$20.00; London, \$18.00; from a few friends in Newmarket, bale valued at \$16.00; Merrickville, \$23.00; Dalrymple Auxiliary, \$45.00.

Sixty-one yards flannelette, kindly donated by Mrs. Seybold, sen., Ottawa, for missions in the North-West.

A melodeon was given by one of the members of Wesley Auxiliary, which was sent to Rev. J. Turner, of the Klondike Mission.

MORLEY—Bale from Cobden Auxiliary and Mission Band, valued at \$43.00.

JAPAN.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA IN JAPAN.

The Council met in its eleventh annual meeting at Karnizawa, July 18th, 1898.

Members present—Misses Blackmore, Cunningham, Preston, Munro, Hargrave, Hart, Robertson, Belton, Wigle, Alcorn, Sifton, Washington, and Jost.

The devotional exercises were led by Miss Cunningham. The minutes of the Executive Meetings held during the year were read and special committees appointed, after which the following reports from the various branches were read and adopted :

TOKYO.

School.—During the year in missionary gatherings, social or business, perhaps the chief topic of conversation has been mission schools—their conduct and their success, or failure. We ask ourselves, does *our* school attain the highest success?

It is directly and aggressively Christian to endeavor to regulate our lives by Bible teachings and to train our pupils, teachers and servants to do the same. When our pupils and native teachers enter the school they are usually indifferent, occasionally prejudiced; ere long this gives way to curiosity, interest, desire, repentance, faith. While they remain with us they manifest an earnest desire to obey God's law. When trouble comes they find a Christian's comfort. Even the little ones give evidence of their faith in His guardian care, and of their endeavor to do right. When they leave the school, some enter the work and their surroundings continue the same; others return to their homes. Then comes the testing time. Do they stand the test?

Of some who were under our care but a short time we have lost all trace. None, as far as we know, sink back into idolatry, but many grow cold. Some continue to keep the fire of the Christian life burning in their own hearts, teach their children to believe in and

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obey the one true God, and when opportunity offers show themselves on the side of right. Some, with husband's permission, teach in Sunday School, help in women's meetings, are organists, or leaders in the singing in church services; one has attained success as a translator of Christian stories and biography; one under Mrs. Large's fostering care, is developing into an able writer for the press, her theme—one which her husband, though not a Christian, heartily endorses—temperance and social purity; one is editress-in-chief of the *Woman's Temperance Magazine*. In these we triumph. How great their victory only God, who sees their environment, knows.

Some see and mourn their own growing coldness. Christian work outside of their own home is all but an impossibility for the young Japanese housekeeper, yet Christian work in which they can attain some measure of success seems to be the remedy. Each must be guided and thought for separately. Oh, for wisdom for this! Some confess their coldness but are indifferent—almost dead spiritually. By God's help we must prevent the former class from falling back into the latter class, and both must be helped into the first class so that they too may be aggressive for Christ. We who have been their spiritual guides in other days ought to be able to help them now. We come to them with a certain right to speak; our words though they may be unwelcome, cannot be considered an intrusion. That they are not so considered we know. During the year a number of this class have given to us urgent invitations to call, and, when we have had time to accept these invitations, have returned the visit and invariably tell of it to others and speak of the good it did them.

For these reasons we conclude that our school is a success, but can, and by God's blessing *shall*, become a greater success.

This seems rather a report of need than of work done, but the need and the difficulty of meeting that need seem so great that they quite overshadow the work accomplished. The regular work of the school continues as in the past. We have at last secured a matron who gives promise of developing into a very efficient worker. There has been a great deal of sickness during the year, diphtheria, of which there has been two cases, being the most serious.

King's Daughters' School.—As many of our poor people have wished to obtain entrance for their boys into this school, in April we decided to open a school for poor boys, using the same building. Our youngest girls attend from nine to twelve, the more advanced from one to four. The school-room is then swept and aired and is ready for the boys, who attend until six. The ages of the children range from five to eleven. They are taught God's Word every day, but we consider them too young to be baptized when their homes and all their surroundings are heathen. While at school they are taught to know the true God and to pray to Him. When they return to their homes they are taught both by precept and example to fear and worship false gods. Our

work in this school and in our Sunday Schools is indeed "casting bread upon the waters." Good wheat and tares will grow side by side Ours to sow, His to give the harvest.

J. K. MUNRO.

Dispensary.—Much of the help given this year to the sick poor can scarcely be reckoned under the head of proper Dispensary work. For instance, when the work began in September, the teacher of the King's Daughters' School reported to me that two new pupils had entered, whose faces, hands and heads were so covered with sores that it was impossible to teach them properly. Taking a lesson from an experience of last year, I decided to try the curative power of hot water and soap. But I found that in their poor home, even hot water was too expensive a luxury to be used freely; so I gave the grandmother a piece of "Seafoam" soap and the few sen necessary to secure entrance to the public bath, for herself and children. She was instructed, after using the soap freely, to take the children to the school, where the teacher, who was provided with a little vaseline, saw that the sores were thoroughly anointed. This treatment was continued daily for two weeks and effected a perfect cure. As attendance at the King's Daughters' School insures a certain amount of attention to hands, faces and hair, there has been no return of the trouble. In another case—that of an old man—a hot bath was the only remedy ordered by the doctor consulted. It was effective. In other cases, a glass of milk or an egg, daily, has been prescribed in addition to some simple medicine, and it would be hard to say which was the most beneficial—the medicine or the extra food. In fact, the majority of cases of sickness among the poor, with which we have come in contact this year, have arisen largely from either insufficient food or want of cleanliness; and hot water, milk and eggs are excellent medicines. One old woman, in sending us her thanks, said that always before when she had been sick she had been unable to work for a long time after through weakness, but this time she could go to work at once. The actual help given has been very slight, reckoned in dollars and cents; but it has meant much to the recipients, whose daily food depend upon their daily work.

Orphanage.—During the year one of our little ones has been called to the heavenly home. Her parents had died of consumption, so when O Yasu San was "too tired to go out to play," I consulted Dr Macdonald at once. He examined her and prescribed treatment, but saw from the first that it was only a matter of making the few remaining steps of the little life-journey as easy as possible. In less than three months, assuring those about her of her happiness, she entered into the life that knows no weariness. With this exception, we have had no sickness in the Orphanage until this summer, when one of the children developed a mild form of whooping-cough. Fortunately it has not spread to others. Natori San, who has been with us as matron since the opening of the Orphanage five years ago, is still the

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I. S. BLACKMORE.

Evangelistic.—We have had a number of changes through the year among the workers. First, Shimadzu San was sent to Nagano to work, and Inoye San taken on in her place.

Then Kaneda San had to give up work for a time, because of poor health, and finally it became necessary for her to withdraw from the work entirely. Just at that time Shimadzu San returned to Tokyo, as Mrs. Tomiyama, and having a good deal of leisure time, asked if she might work with us as a Bible-woman until the summer, but said she did not wish to take a full salary. We were very glad to have her take the place left vacant by Kaneda San.

About Xmas time Kubo San's eyes gave her more trouble than usual, so I consulted an eye specialist, who said he thought he could help her if she could go into the hospital for a few weeks. It was found that she had cataract on both eyes, and that they would be much more difficult to operate upon than the first examination showed. On account of Kubo San's age, the doctor thought it best to operate on one eye only. Even that has taken a good deal of time and Kubo San has been able to do very little work in Negishi since New Year's. But she has made good use of her opportunities in the hospital, talking with those around her. The head nurse, who is a missionary, says that Kubo San has been a great help to her. She, herself, has been very glad to help in that way, for she found it very hard to keep from worrying over being away so much from her regular work. She has gone home for the summer, but will need to go into the hospital again for a short time next fall.

Sabashi San was laid up for about two months this spring, and thought that perhaps her life's work was done, but said if the Lord saw best to spare her life she would gladly spend it in His service. She seems quite well again, and although age is telling on her strength, is anxious to do all in her power.

Shimeda San, Hayashi San, Sumiya San and Inoye San have enjoyed good health and have made good use of time and strength. There has been much to try and discourage the Bible-women; also occasional cause of rejoicing and encouragement.

In one district it has seemed a year of beginnings; just as the new women gathered in began to be really interested, they had to move away. Others were reached and became interested; they, also, for one reason or another, had to move, or were prevented from attending meetings or receiving calls from the Bible-women, and so it has been all through the year; but we trust the good seed sown will still bring forth much fruit, though we be not allowed to see it.

Although the average attendance at our meetings for the year has not been large, we have had a very good attendance at most of the

meetings; but during the early spring, many of the meetings came on stormy days, when it was not fit for women to walk any distance. At such times there would be but one or two present.

In some districts we have rejoiced to see a deeper spiritual experience among some of the Christian women, as shown in their lives and conversation, and we also rejoice in the fact that a few women who have for some time not only been unwilling to hear Christian teaching, but who have done all in their power to prevent others from hearing, have of late become interested in the old, old story.

Two of the church members, who have been a great help in the meetings nearest their homes, have been married and moved from Tokyo. One became the wife of a most promising young man—a Congregational minister; the other the wife of one of our own young ministers. So, although we shall miss them very much, we must rejoice that they are where they can do even more than in the past, and trust they will be a great strength to their husbands.

There have been some deaths among our number during the year. The last was that of a candidate for baptism, but who was called *home* before the rite had been performed.

Miss Wigle has had a class of young men on Sunday afternoons, in connection with the Azabu Sunday School. She has been delighted with the interest shown in the lessons and the regularity of attendance. I have continued to attend the Negishi and Shitaya Sunday Schools, spending about twenty minutes in each school, teaching the children to sing Christian hymns, and Miss Sifton has done the same in the Kobiki Cho Sunday School.

The policemen's class reported last fall has been continued during the year. The number in attendance has been smaller, owing to extra work, sickness or removals, but the interest shown at the first has continued, and for some time a few of the men have been attending church whenever possible.

During the year we have continued the special class for the Bible-women three times a month and the usual workers' meeting once a month.

The average attendance at our Sunday Schools in Azabu has been much larger this year than last, and a few weeks ago two of them became so large we were obliged to hire other rooms and divide the schools.

C. E. HART.

SHIZUOKA.

School.—Since April, the beginning of the school year, forty pupils have been in regular attendance. It would appear that the number of native teachers is very large for a school attended by only forty pupils, but many of these teachers are specialists—teachers from the Normal and High schools, who give from one and one-half to three hours a week to teaching in our school (as a special favor) and receiv-

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ing salaries ranging from one dollar to four dollars per month. Others again teach in the school, and also assist in the evangelistic work.

Among the sixteen attending class, only three have not yet received baptism. We have a few in the school who, coming from Christian homes, were baptized as children, but who have not yet expressed a desire to attend the class-meeting. As our school and evangelistic work is so closely connected, and as the greater number of our native helpers come from the school, a good deal of time has been spent in training some of the older girls along evangelistic lines. Miss Alcorn, especially, has given much time and thought to this work. It has been a great pleasure to us to watch our girls growing in womanliness and Christian character, and to note an increasing interest in the outside evangelistic work. We have tried to impress upon them what a privilege it is to be permitted to have some little part in the work of leading others Godward.

Some of our younger girls are becoming very much interested in Christianity. Two, especially, are longing to become Christians, but have not yet reached the point where they can believe that God is able to keep them true in their homes. They could be Christians in school, they say, but in their homes it would be almost an impossibility. How nearly impossible it would be, is hard for those born in a Christian country to realize.

On Sunday we come into personal contact with every girl in the school. A class-meeting for the older girls and teachers is held from four till five in the afternoon. The middle-class of girls, who are especially interested in Christianity, go to Miss Alcorn for personal, religious conversation, from half-past six to seven, during which time the younger girls come to me.

In looking back over the year we feel it has been one of growth and progress—a year of greater nearness to the Father. With stronger faith we look forward to the future, hoping for still greater things, because we believe “He is faithful who promised.”

M. J. CUNNINGHAM.

Evangelistic.—At the beginning of this year the outlook was discouraging. It seemed impossible to carry on our work without a competent Bible-woman. But with the aid of the Christian teachers in our school, we have been able to do personal work among our Shizuoka women. Coming thus in contact with them, we have been drawn very near together. At some of our last monthly meetings for the women, we have noticed with thankfulness a deepening of their Christian experience. Among the older Christians there is a greater longing for Bible study. Our women themselves feel the need of a Bible-woman to visit new homes, and to bring those who do not know Christ to our meetings. We hope for the time to come when our women will feel the responsibility of the souls of their friends resting upon them. We are trying to lead them to feel it is their privilege

to "let their light so shine before men, that they may see their good works and glorify their Father which is in heaven."

Our work in Yokouchi and Hirono has continued as usual. Fujieda, owing to removals, has not been as promising as in former years. When time permitted, we have held meetings at Bancho. These have been well attended, and we hope in time to establish a regular work in that part of Shizuoka city.

Takeuchi San's work among the poor in Ansai District has been untiring. The work is growing. Now that she has been released from her teaching in the school, she has gathered a few of the children in the mornings for the purpose of teaching them sewing and reading. We are feeling our way as to the advisability of opening a poor school in that district. Some of the mothers come to the children's meeting held every Saturday, and Takeuchi San is being admitted to some of the homes.

Our work in Shimada has increased in interest. In January, owing to removals, sickness and deaths, we discontinued our regular woman's meeting. Through the influence of our evangelist, we were allowed to teach the women in the cotton factory. Before commencing work, the overseer invited us to visit the factory to see for ourselves how ignorant the women were. Passing up and down among them as they worked, we could feel how tired and heart hungry they were; our hearts were filled with love and pity for them, and a longing for them to know the only true Comforter. We felt a little doubtful as to the attitude of the overseer toward us, he had so carefully stipulated that we only tell the women stories of great men and thus enthrall them to better living. After having taught several Bible lessons, we were thankful to receive a request to come twice in the day in order to give the night workers a chance to hear also. We have great hope in this work. Our average attendance has been forty-four.

Since November, we have held a monthly meeting in Horinouchi. At that time we received several invitations from the pastors and evangelists in Shizuoka Province to come and work among the women. As we could only take one more meeting, and Mr. Harazaki's request seemed most urgent, we commenced work in Horinouchi. He himself was converted in San Francisco, and since his return has worked among the people in his employ. When we go, he opens his home and invites his friends and neighbors in. While the "old, old story" is to us a simple story, yet it is not easy to present it to those who have never heard of "these things." The people listen well, and at our last meeting showed signs of beginning to understand just a little.

The Sunday School work has not been as promising as formerly. The children have to bear persecution if it is known they listen to Bible teaching. We feel this very deeply, for beginning with the

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BESSIE H. ALCORN.

KOFU.

School.—Since September of last year one hundred pupils have been enrolled. The present term closed with eighty-eight belonging. Of the twelve who have withdrawn nearly all have given satisfactory reasons for doing so.

With a change of principal there must of necessity be many changes in the working programme of the school. It speaks well for the girls that through the past year, alterations have been kindly met and helpfully carried into effect. Among the older girls a deepening of spiritual interest and development of character have been manifest.

Seven girls were graduated from the Japanese course and two from the special sewing course at the close of the regular school year. Nearly all of the former graduates come to the closing exercises, all seemingly delighted to get back to the old familiar home once more. As much as possible intercourse with former pupils is kept up. Little detachments of three or four come occasionally during each term to stay over night, or spend Sunday with us. In many parts of the province their homes are open for visiting and many of them for Christian teaching.

Two of our girls are ill. One, a sweet, patient little girl from a wealthy home, may not be with us in the fall, the doctor having very little hope of her recovery. The other has consumption, is being cared for in the hospital where she finds work to do for her Master. One of the nurses hearing the story of salvation for the first time became so interested that she takes part of the very little time allowed her for recreation to come to the school for Bible teaching. Some among the patients have been interested through Akiyama San's conversation and literature which she has distributed. She is one of the brightest among our supported girls, was training for a Bible-woman and would have graduated year after next, when she was taken suddenly ill. We were greatly grieved, but here in her weakness there is work for her to do which shall spring up to bear fruit hereafter.

During the year three girls and one teacher were baptized. The sewing teacher had never before had any intercourse with foreigners nor heard any Christian teaching. She was much impressed with the kindness shown her and by the unselfishness she found in a Christian school. She attended the daily Bible lesson, became interested and finally asked for baptism. Another, an old gentleman teacher of Chinese, is also very near the kingdom. In a little while we hope to see him, too, receive the seal of his discipleship.

In the class-meetings, Wednesday afternoon services and King's Daughters' meetings the older girls showed much interest in things

pertaining to their Master's kingdom. May He grant them through the coming year a deeper knowledge of himself.

MINNIE A. ROBERTSON.

Evangelistic.—Once more the time has come for the annual report of our evangelistic work. The year has been a good one; in some of the meetings the attendance has not been good and it has been rather uphill work, but, generally speaking, it has been an encouraging year with a bright outlook for the future.

We have held 222 women's meetings with an attendance of 3,793 and an average of seventeen. To Christian homes 500 visits have been made; to non-Christian, 669, and fifty-one to new homes, making a total of 1,220 visits. For the children we have had fifty-two meetings with an attendance of 1,823 and an average of thirty. Seven women have been baptized.

We have rejoiced greatly at having the way opened for regular meetings in two factories, one a cotton factory and the other a silk factory. In the former place we have held meetings every two weeks, and thus have reached regularly not only a large number of women but a number of men. The work in the silk factory was interrupted by the silk worm season when new cocoons were being formed. We expect to resume our work there in the fall.

During the year our Bible-woman, Naito San, married a non-Christian man, much to our bitter disappointment. This left us short of workers. However, with the good help Miss Washington and others have given, we have compassed the work already established nicely.

In the spring a graduate of a Yokohama mission school came to us, and she and a young woman who is in the school, studying with the purpose of becoming a Bible-woman, have given some time to evangelistic work.

We have held a number of general meetings which have been well attended. They are very helpful in arousing interest and bringing in new members, while they give a decided impetus to the work in general.

In our six Sunday Schools we have had 239 sessions with an aggregate attendance of 7,190 and an average of thirty. We believe this to be one of the most helpful departments of our work, and through the year at least one woman has been led to study the truth, through the death of her only little one, a Sunday School scholar.

The English Bible-class for young men held on Sunday mornings has improved in attendance very much of late, the largest attendance having been thirty-three, and usually over twenty are present.

We thank God for His marvellous loving-kindness. The work is His and we know that He careth for His own. We would "give glory unto the Lord and declare His praise in the islands."

E. A. PRESTON.

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The work has gone on this year without much opposition, and in many respects we have much cause for gratitude. Visiting has been carried on among the women as regularly as possible, but the lack of an efficient interpreter has proved somewhat of a hindrance to this work, as the girl who is trying to fill this position is better suited to other work. The meetings have been encouraging, both as to attendance and interest. The woman's meeting at Daijime, which had been dropped, was reopened in November with good results. It is touching to note the simplicity and trustfulness of these poor women who come to hear the "old, old story" at these meetings. They have few pleasures and no luxuries in their lives, which are spent in hard work, poverty and ignorance, and it is surprising to see the interest they manifest in the lessons taught. Many of the Daijime and Kawakami women spend the day in carrying sand or stone for the builders, or in cutting brushwood on the mountains, or in doing equally hard and monotonous work in the fields. Returning home at dusk they prepare and eat supper and then come to our meeting. Surely they find in the teachings of Christianity something which helps and satisfies or they would not attend so regularly under these circumstances.

The Kawakami meeting has been changed from a monthly to a fortnightly one recently, and the attendance is quite as large as formerly. The girls employed in the embroidery work know much more about the Bible than the others who attend the meetings there. For some time past these girls have had a Bible-lesson three times a week, besides that which they receive on Sunday morning, and on two days a week they are taught to sing hymns and are told the contents of some good book such as "Pilgrim's Progress." They work from early morning until evening and have little time and less taste for reading. Indeed, few of them can read well enough to understand a book, but the promise of a new Bible to all who can read in it with a moderate degree of ease and intelligibility in September, has aroused their ambition and they are attending night-school regularly. One girl, we regret to say, had to be dismissed, but we hope to be able to take her back again after a few months. Their homes are of the poorest—mere huts in many cases—small, dark, and entirely lacking in cleanliness or comfort, and they seem very contented and happy in the school. But the embroidery teacher is not a Christian, and we feel that the best results can never be obtained from our work in Kawakami until we are brought into closer contact with the girls ourselves. This is one reason why we wish to build a dwelling-house as soon as possible. Besides this the price of land is rising every year; the cost of materials for building and the wages of workmen have increased very much recently, and we feel that the time has

come for us to ask for a grant for a building. The railroad was opened in April, and soon afterwards we went to the nearest station, Matto, to see if we could find any opportunity for work there. The prospect seemed good, and a house in which to hold meetings has been secured. The people seem friendly, and meetings for women and children are now held weekly there.

The meeting for Christian women held in our own house has been very well attended, and a monthly experience meeting has proved successful, even the most retiring women taking part occasionally.

The Orphanage children are, on the whole, doing very well. Three of the older children were baptized by Dr. Carman in May, and all three show evidences of genuine Christianity. Two children have been received during the year, making a total of twenty, seventeen girls and three boys.

One thing for which we feel especially thankful is the fact that we are becoming acquainted with our immediate neighbors. Some of the children from these homes are coming to Sunday School, and two or three of the mothers have been to church and to our house occasionally.

One Bible-woman had to be dismissed during the year, but a member of our church here has been employed and is doing very well. A young girl from Nagoya was employed in April to help in Sunday School and language work. We have two Sunday Schools entirely under our own control, and help also in the two church Sunday Schools.

Personal contact with a number of women has shown that they are earnestly trying to understand and obey the truth, but it is with the deepest regret that we report no baptisms among the women this year, except two girls in the Orphanage, and another, the daughter of Christian parents. The seed is being sown but the harvest is not yet. We know it will surely come some day, however, for he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Alice E. Belton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW WORK.

NAGANO.

School.—In presenting the school report I must ask your forbearance if I detail somewhat, as I think to do so will be more likely to ensure all having a more comprehensive view of the situation.

When our Society went to open work in Shizuoka and Kofu, it was with the approval of the General Society, and in response to an invitation from a number of influential gentlemen of those cities who

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were interested in woman's education, and who gave very material financial and other help in the first days, and in Kofu continue to do so.

We went to Nagano under very different circumstances, responding to an invitation, which had the approval of the members of the General Society, from the Conference to open a girls' school in Nagano Province, but the city was left for our Council to decide.

At our last annual meeting Miss Lambly and I were appointed to new work, with Miss Blackmore as a member of the committee.

As we had at that time no pastor or evangelist residing in Matsumoto (the second city in Nagano Province), and as the Methodist Episcopal Church had work established there, and the chairman of our district lived in Nagano city it seemed advisable for us to begin there.

Miss Lambly and I with a sewing teacher (who was one of the first two pupils who attended our Azabu school), a personal teacher (who was one of the first five pupils who attended our Shizuoka school), and a Bible-woman (who had been trained in our Azabu school), reached Nagano on the first of November.

Having found it impossible to secure Japanese teachers of the grade required by the Government, and after consulting with Miss Blackmore, we decidedly to go slowly, and do what we could to help the general church work.

Mr. Hashimoto, the chairman of the district, however was very desirous of our establishing an "Eiwa Jo Gakko" (a girls' school, such as we have in Tokyo, Kofu and Shizuoka) at once in Nagano city, and we saw the church people had the impression that we had come for that purpose. Mr. Hashimoto believing it would be possible to secure the necessary teacher, we consented to go on and see what could be done in the way of establishing a school. The first step we took was to try and secure patrons among the influential gentlemen of the city, who would simply be asked to give their sympathy and influence in favor of the school, having no financial responsibility and exercising no control. First we went to the Christians; they made excuses. Then we went to the non-Christians; the most desirable ones declined to have anything to do with a Christian school on account of their connection with the great temple Zenkoji. However, we secured five what might be called second-rate men. We visited the Governor and Secretary, who were very cordial, but, of course, we did not expect them to have any open connection with us.

Through the inquiries that were necessary, when trying to secure patrons, we gained considerable information, which, however, unfortunately went to confirm our conviction that Nagano was not a good centre for educational work, and that Matsumoto was preferable. Following are a few of the most important reasons :

1st—It was the generally expressed opinion that Matsumoto was the city in the province that was bound to grow, on account of the railroad then under construction having the junction situated there.

2nd—Matsumoto is the geographical centre of Nagano Province.

3rd—Matsumoto is not a strong Buddhist centre as Nagano city is.

4th—It is populated largely by the "samurai" (higher class), whereas Nagano is populated by the working class.

5th—There was no Government higher girls' school in Matsumoto, while there was a good one in Nagano.

6th—So far as the population of the two cities is concerned there was little difference, Nagano being twenty-nine thousand and Matsumoto twenty-seven thousand.

Considering these things, it seemed advisable to occupy Matsumoto and get a reputation before the Government girls' school was started, and before the railroad opened up the country.

Early in January two young girls came to our house to inquire if we were going to open a school; they wanted English. I had nothing definite to give them concerning the school, so when they came inquiring the third time I consented to allow them to begin, giving them an hour's English each day without a fee. In February a third joined the class, and toward the end of March a daughter of one of the patrons requested admission.

It now being nearly the end of March it became necessary for us to come to some definite decision regarding our plans, as the silk season would soon be opening, which meant the closing of a great part of our evangelistic work; our sewing teacher did not wish to stay longer unless there was a regular sewing class, and our personal teacher was to leave at the end of the month, so that our staff would be reduced to two foreigners and a sewing teacher, whose stay was dependent on the organizing of a sewing class. Mr. Hashimoto still objected to our opening in a small way, so it was decided to postpone further action regarding the school until September, the search for teachers in the meantime being discontinued.

During the spring holidays we engaged a substitute for our personal teacher, and later unexpected circumstances arose which made it desirable for our former teacher to be retained. These facts were laid before Mr. Hashimoto, and he was asked and consented to our opening a small school.

It was now the twelfth of April, consequently very much to our disadvantage, March being the end of the Government school year, the time when all desired changes are made in schools. However, we could only hope for the best under the circumstances, so we advertised to open on the fifteenth, teaching the following subjects: English, music, moral lessons, Japanese and foreign sewing, Japanese composition, etiquette, domestic economy and reading—the tuition fee being forty sen a month, with no entrance fee. This was sent out in the

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name of the owner, Mr. Hashimoto (as decided in the beginning) and the principal, the school being given no name. We had no formal opening, simply extending the time from one hour to four hours a day, and continued the former English classes, with the addition of those mentioned in the advertisement. Very soon we had two new applicants and early in June another, making seven, the total number enrolled for the term ending July the fifteenth.

Evangelistic.—The regular evangelistic work began in December, Miss Lambly having charge. As we had no school work organized we divided the evangelistic work, Miss Lambly going to Tanaka and Komoro with the Bible-woman, while I with our personal teacher took the work at Ueda and in Nagano city. We had only nicely started when our Bible-woman informed us she would have to leave at the end of December, as she was to be married. This was unexpected, and we were very sorry as we knew there was no prospect of supplying her place, and neither of our school helpers were capable of taking the place of a Bible-woman in the work.

In January we extended somewhat, Miss Lambly opened a meeting in Yashiro and I opened one in a poor district in Nagano.

There had never been any special work done among the women in this district until we came last fall, and, while we found beginning in a new place meant responsibilities that do not come in an old established work, we were much encouraged to find not only the women appreciative of our efforts, but to have the sympathetic co-operation of the ministers and evangelists which made the way comparatively easy, and we have at least made a good beginning in seven places.

As we look back we must say, the Lord indeed has been very good; and while we fail to understand all His providences, we rejoice that we can trust in Him, who can restore to health and strength the one who is laid aside for the present, so far as the work here is concerned. I refer to Miss Lambly. I cannot express my disappointment and sorrow when I realized early in April that she, for health reasons, would have to give up her work and return home.

Since then, having school duties to attend to, I have not been able to keep up all the evangelistic work, but with the helpers have managed to continue the work at Ueda, Yashiro, at the two places in Nagano city and opened one new meeting.

In all forty-seven women's meetings have been held with an average attendance of ten. Twenty-two children's meetings, average nine. Ninety visits were made mostly at homes of non-Christians. There have been two Sunday Schools opened since March at places distant from the church, children hearing for the first time; so far the attendance has been very good. Two women were baptized.

ISABELLA M. HARGRAVE.

The following report of the Stationing Committee was adopted :

TOKYO.

Miss Blackmore, Corresponding Secretary and Principal of School. Misses Munro, Veazey and Jost, School. Misses Hart and Wigle, Evangelistic Work.

SHIZUOKA.

Miss Cunningham, Principal of School. Miss Alcorn, Evangelistic Work.

KOFU.

Miss Preston, Evangelistic Work. Miss Robertson, Principal of School. Miss Washington, work to be decided by the Branch. A new worker asked for.

KANAZAWA.

Misses Belton and Sifton, work to be divided by the Branch.

NAGANO.

Miss Hargrave. Another to be sent if new workers arrive before Christmas. If not, the Nagano work to be reconsidered by the Executive.

Two new ladies to be asked for.

The General Superintendent of the Church, during his visit to Japan, having suggested that in order to avoid any hindrance to strict carrying out of the Discipline, the Sunday Schools under the control of the Woman's Missionary Society be known by some other name, it was *Resolved*, "That we do not distinguish between Sunday and week-day meetings, but that all our meetings among the children be known as 'Children's Meetings.'"—Carried.

Moved by Miss Robertson, seconded by Miss Hart, That it be inserted in the minutes, that because of the state of Miss Munro's health she has been relieved as far as possible from responsibility for the coming year.—Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Hashimoto, chairman of the Nagano District, now resident in Ueda, and Mr. Kawai, a Christian of the same town, requested admittance to the Council. Mr. Kawai laid before the Council the needs for a girls' school in Ueda, and requested that our girls' school for Nagano District should be established in that town rather than in Nagano city.

After the gentlemen withdrew, a discussion on the Nagano work was taken up and the relative advantages of Nagano, Matsumoto and Ueda were considered.

Moved by Miss Cunningham, seconded by Miss Belton, That the Nagano work be left in the hands of a committee composed of Misses

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Hargrave, Blackmore and Jost, and that if during the year any changes be considered advisable, the matter may be referred to the Executive.—Carried.

On motion, all the Tokyo workers who have been in Japan over three years, excepting Miss Munro and the corresponding secretaries of Shizuoka and Nagano branches, were appointed an Executive for the coming year.

The Furnishing Committee was reappointed (Misses Hart and Munro, with the corresponding secretary of the branch requiring furnishings). Misses Blackmore and Cunningham were reappointed Committee on Consultation with the Conference Committee.

Misses Blackmore, Munro, Hargrave and Belton were appointed Building Committee for the year. Miss Hart was reappointed Recording Secretary.

The Committee on Courtesies brought in the following, which was adopted :

“The Japan Council of the Woman’s Missionary Society send hearty greetings to the members of the Woman’s Missionary Society in Canada. Eph. iii. 17-19.”

“The members of the Council of the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada in Japan, now in session in Karnizawa, wish to convey to Dr. Macdonald their deep appreciation of his fidelity as a friend, of his wise counsels and unwearied labors in the field of his chosen work. They also wish to express to Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald their sense of loss in their temporary absence, and assure them of their continued prayer for their speedy and safe return to the work.”

“The Japan Council of the Woman’s Missionary Society, now in session at Karnizawa, desire to express to Miss Lambly their sorrow at her removal from among them, and to assure her of their sincere love and sympathy. They would commend her to the care of our tender heavenly Father, praying that in His own good time she may be restored to her wonted health and strength. Deut. xxxiii. 26, 27.”

“The Japan Council of the Woman’s Missionary Society now in session in Karnizawa, send greetings to Miss Crombie and desire to express to her their sense of loss at her absence from the field in which she was so earnest and efficient a worker. They hope that her year at home may be passed pleasantly and with such beneficial results that on her return she may, with renewed strength and zeal, take up again the work that lies so near her heart.”

Greetings also were sent to Mrs. Gooderham, to the members of the Canada Methodist Mission in China, to Mrs. Perry, and to the Council of Co-operative Mission also in session in Karnizawa.

Our consecration meeting was led by Mrs. Gooderham, Mrs. (Dr.) Scott, of Azabu, and Mrs. Rose, of Napanee, also being present.

I. S. BLACKMORE,

*Sec.-Treas. of the Japan Council of the W. M. S.
of the Methodist Church of Canada.*

On receipt of a message from Dr. Macdonald, a special meeting of the Council was called. On motion of Misses Preston and Hargrave, *Resolved*, That we ask our Home Board to grant us \$6,000.00, instead of the \$5,000.00 estimated, for the purchase of the desirable lot for our Azabu school now in the market. That we ask Dr. Macdonald to act for us in presenting the matter to the ladies of the Home Board, and that the reply be cabled to us. I. S. B.

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WEST CHINA.

The close of another year brings us to the task of looking backward to see what progress we have to report since this time last year, and it is with thankful hearts that we can say "Onward" has been the watchword of the year.

The present time sees us comfortably settled in the home which last year was nearly completed; finds the school dormitories all finished and occupied by fourteen little girls, who, we trust, will grow up to be earnest workers in the Master's kingdom; a second day school opened on the place with a competent woman in charge—which is not an easy position to fill in China; the "Ting" and guest room completed—and thus a place prepared for receiving women and explaining to them this doctrine. Many have availed themselves of this opportunity since the building was finished—about Christmas—should say some 150 women have heard the Gospel story explained to them in this way, but hope many more will come in when there are more workers ready to take up the different departments of the work. The "Jennie Ford Home" is also completed, and three additional little waifs brought in to rear for the Master's use.

Miss Foster has looked after the building of this home, as well as taken charge of these little waifs, beside some class work with the people on the place. The hospital repairing, too, is nearly done, and Dr. Killam has done good work here, and now has a hospital, with most of the rooms lathed and plastered, which makes it a pleasant, commodious building with accommodation for all the women and children who are likely to come in for treatment. She has also had considerable medical work on the place among both the grown people and children.

Miss Brooks has devoted most of her time to study but has helped in the school work, when necessary, and the singing, and is taking up regular work next year.

Sunday afternoon also finds from forty to sixty women in for instruction, and, after the Gospel has been preached to them, an appropriate tract or portion of Scripture, is given them to carry home and thus we hope the message is carried to the neighbors as well.

From fifty to eighty children attend at Sunday school here at the same hour. They have now been divided up into classes, each of the ladies taking one. Before leaving they are given cards with texts of Scripture written on them which they commit to memory, and the following Sabbath recite. Thus the written as well as the spoken

word is given them, and we know we have the promise concerning His word that "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

The Tuesday afternoon meetings, conducted by Mrs. Hartwell, continue to be held as usual.

We ask for a continuation of your prayers on all departments of the work, and that we, individually, may be given wisdom for whatsoever He has for us to do in His vineyard here.

SARA C. BRACKBILL.
Sec.-Treasurer.

REPORT OF JENNIE FORD HOME.

It was late in February when we received word authorizing us to build an orphanage. We immediately began work. We found the grant to be rather small, but as some of the friends in our Mission kindly contributed to this work, we were enabled to build more largely than we otherwise could have done. We think that the building, which is nearly completed will accommodate from fifteen to twenty children, and two or more helpers.

Since the first of March, we have rescued three children from the street, and probably from death, or a worse fate. Two of these have been reported previously; the last one is a half-starved baby between three and four months old. She was certainly a pitiable object when we found her lying at our gate, literally clothed in rags and dirt. We had her brought in and cared for, and sent for the street official who wrote a paper protecting us from any one who might claim the child in the future. We feel that the Lord's blessing is on this work and we trust that these children will become true servants of His.

M. A. FOSTER.

REPORT OF MEDICAL WORK, WEST CHINA MISSION.

You learned from the last report that native buildings were being altered to suit the purpose of a hospital. Also that the work could not be completed until our dwelling house should be finished and these vacated.

The dispensary was open the first three months of the past year, when five hundred and seventy-four treatments were given. There was no native evangelist to be had, but tracts and scripture cards were distributed. A few visits were made to homes and two patients received in the hospital.

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while Mrs. Kilborn was away resting. She had not intended continuing her official connection with our Board much longer, and did not resume her work here on her return. She, however, kindly offered to help me in any way she could. It seemed the best plan to close the work for awhile. Mrs. Kilborn was not well enough to carry on the work without helpers. According to much advice it would be better for Miss Foster and me to devote our time to study; and we were anxious to lest we should endanger our future usefulness.

Most of my time from the first of October to May was spent in studying Chinese. Since then I have been superintending the further arrangement of the hospital buildings. When you read this I hope to be at my studies again. Then the work will be about finished. There will be four pleasant rooms lathed and plastered. They will accommodate twenty-six and allow between seven hundred and eight hundred cubic feet of air to the individual. That is a small amount, but many windows allow free ventilation. Another room for four individuals has well-fitted board walls reaching nearly to the ceiling. There are still three other rooms for eight persons. They have the ordinary Chinese walls, but still are very good and there is no hurry about changing them when we have so much other room. The operating room is plastered; has on the one hand a wash-room where water can be kept hot in readiness, and, on the other, is separated from the surgical ward by a bath-room and a room where the anæsthetic can be administered. There is a good general kitchen and a pleasant study.

The walls around the compound are of mud, but good and firm. They have just been freshly plastered over with lime and soot outside and where needed inside. Then I had still considerable of the grant left and used it to cement the walks. That we all considered very necessary because of the heavy rains, for our helpers have no rubbers; and, because there are several buildings instead of one as a hospital, they would be constantly carrying mud in and out.

We have thirty-three beds on hand and twenty-five small tables for the bed-sides. There is about enough bedding for eight beds, but it is not advisable to keep much on hand because of the dampness.

I expect to take three more months after July for study and open the dispensary in November. I hope to begin, gradually continuing my studies at the same time.

There has been considerable sickness in the school. Last fall they and all the servants had influenza. Just now we have had seven cases of measles. I have given over eighty treatments since the dispensary work was closed.

Miss Foster is out for evangelistic work, but she has been invaluable as a nurse. We have no other nurse and so she is kept quite busy, is never without a patient for very long.

I hope by another June the work will be well under way and more interesting reports forthcoming.

We ask your continued patience while we learn the language, lest we be to those who hear us as barbarians and they to us while we "speak into the air"; and your constant prayers that we may be true to the trust imposed upon us.

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THE FRENCH WORK.

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In submitting the ninth annual report of the work of the Institute I am glad to be able to note a higher average attendance than ever before. The number of applications was not quite so high as during the previous year, but out of the 106 students accepted, 92 entered and the average attendance was over 70.

We were wonderfully free from epidemics or illness of any kind, so the work progressed steadily until the close of the term.

Among the girls we had a great variety of character, and some were very difficult types to deal with. Four of the latter were Roman Catholics, and they seemed to vie with one another in devising mischief, until finally we were obliged to send away the most hopeless one. Another left us before Easter, as the priest refused to administer the Sacrament to her mother unless she and her sister were taken from the school. In several such cases our efforts seemed to be labor thrown away, but we can only pray that some stray seeds of truth may have found lodgment, and will bear fruit in time to come.

Contrasted with these were some bright, earnest girls of more than average intelligence and true Christian character. Two of them have prepared to enter the McGill Normal School, and we hope in a year or two to see them carrying on our work in the country districts.

Class-work presented the usual difficulties, as in addition to the course of study taken up in French, we aim to prepare some students for the Normal School or Wesleyan College each session, which means another regular course in English and mathematics.

The training in household duties, which is such an important phase in the Institute work, was given special attention and came under the direct supervision of Mrs. Ross. Each girl was required, in addition to her regular household duties, to spend a day in turn with the cook, assisting in the preparation of all the meals.

Each day is filled so full with work, study and recreation from 6.30 until 9.30 that the hours seem to fly, and the days become weeks and the weeks months almost before we are conscious of it. Thanksgiving and Christmas were made bright, as in former years, by the kindness of the Douglas Mission Band.

Interest was added to our mid-week and Sunday services by the friends who came in from outside and gave us help and encouragement. Several of the city pastors, Dr. Shaw, of the Wesleyan College, and other friends who were with us during the winter, expressed special delight in hearing the bright testimonies and earnest prayers of our students.

At the last sacramental service about thirty came to the Lord's

table, and many more professed faith in Christ as their Saviour. Twelve new names were added to the membership of the Church. It is both comforting and inspiring, as we encounter difficulties and discouragements in our work, to realize that we have the sympathy and prayers of the W. M. S. over the whole communion. Earnest prayers and unremitting toil only can bring about the results we hope to see, and change the darkness of superstition and bigotry into the light of the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

ISABEL MASTEN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION SCHOOLS, 1897-98.

In presenting the report of another year, we are glad to say there has been faithful and painstaking effort on the part of both teachers and scholars. That good results have followed we are fully convinced, as there has been sufficient testimony from the parents, as well as evidences in the lives of the scholars.

Our schools still suffer from priestly interference, but there is a growing spirit of independence among the people and a desire to think for themselves. The aim of the teachers has been to build up Christian character in the pupils, and, so far as is possible, to qualify them for responsible positions in life.

The school at St. Theodore has been under the care of Miss Le Pape. Nine scholars were enrolled, all of whom attended with great regularity. There has been a marked improvement in their conduct, as well as advancement in their studies.

Seventy-two pupils have been enrolled in the East End School, Montreal, which is a larger number than in any previous year.

During the winter considerable sickness has prevailed, and we record the death of one little girl. Miss Matthieu reports a good year's work done. Classes in sewing and gymnastics have been maintained, and proved to be a great advantage as well as a source of interest.

Eight hundred and sixty-seven families have been visited, religious literature distributed, and words of cheer and sympathy given to discouraged ones. Miss Matthieu has met with several families who are non-church-goers, having lost faith in the Roman Catholic Church and relapsed into indifference. Let us pray that the true light may dawn upon them.

In the West End School the year has not been without its difficulties and discouragements. There has been a slight decrease in numbers, but we are pleased to state an increase in the attendance of Romanists, many of whom were very intelligent pupils. One hundred names were enrolled: fifty English, three Jews, thirty-six French-Canadians and eleven Irish Catholics, the average attendance being forty-eight as compared with fifty-one the previous year. Miss

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Jackson writes, "Altogether better results have been achieved, and more interest shown in the study of the Scriptures."

The Band of Hope has had an average attendance of forty-three. The meetings have been conducted by the children, followed by short addresses by pastors and friends. Three prizes, which were much appreciated, were given by Mrs. C. J. Jones for the best scrap-books on temperance literature.

The majority of the girls showed great interest in the sewing class, several of whom made good progress in plain sewing. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Benn to those who had made the greatest improvement. It is expected in the coming year greater attention will be given to this department of work.

District visiting has been continued, and many hearts and homes brightened by the kind words and timely help of our Bible-woman.

On account of failing health, Miss Anderson has been obliged to give up the position she has held for the past eleven years. We desire to bear testimony to her untiring interest and devotion to her work, and pray that the Master's presence may continue to be with her.

We realize that in this work of French evangelization very much depends upon persistent effort, prayer, and faith in God, and feel sure the work is not in vain for "the battle is the Lord's."

H. I. NICHOL.
F. H. KNOX.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance	\$395 74	
" Grant, November 4th	1999 00	
" Grant, April 4th	1999 00	
" Grant, September 20th.....	75 00	
" Bank Interest.....	3 56	
		\$4472 30

EXPENDITURE.

By Cost of West End School and Bible-woman	\$690 05	
" Cost of East End School and Bible-woman.....	548 65	
" Organ for West End School	26 74	
" Interest to General Society.....	600 00	
" Grant to St. Theodore School.....	50 00	
" Expenses of French Institute.....	2473 00	
		\$4388 44

Balance on hand 83 86

Total \$4472 30

MARY ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer.*
JANE NICHOL, *President.*

Audited and found correct.
T. SHAW.
Montreal, October 1st, 1898.

THE INDIAN WORK.

CROSBY GIRLS' HOME, PORT SIMPSON.

In the matter of annual report-making, the difficulty of tabulating actual results when one seeks to form a true estimate of the year's work, meets one at the very outset, owing to the fact that apparent good may prove deceptive, and seeming evil but blessing in disguise.

Sensible of this difficulty, I turn to my task with the belief that gratifying progress along all lines can be noted. Especially is this true of the pupils' deportment, which, though not all that could be desired is certainly very good. Commands are cheerfully obeyed and exhibitions of temper rarely displayed.

The reception of so many new girls has rendered much instruction necessary in all departments. This, with a change of teachers and long-continued illness among the pupils, has made the year one of almost unremitting toil; still we have rejoiced that power and privilege to work have been given.

Matilda Mackay still lingers though very frail. Emma Gosnell, aged eight years, died at her own home a short time ago, after an illness of two months which had its beginning in the Home. Helen Nelson, aged six years, was taken out by her parents to-day and cannot live more than a few days. We have nursed Helen for three months and are saddened to see her go thus. A number of others have been ill for several weeks at a time, but are all recovered. Through this siege of illness the friends of the children have acted with fairness and consideration, which has been gratifying to those in charge. At present the general health of pupils appears good.

The school statistics speak for themselves and bear evidence that Miss Paul's painstaking efforts have not been in vain. The more advanced scholars take great interest in the books and papers provided and may often be found reading during play hours.

Five girls are receiving instruction in instrumental music, though this branch has been somewhat neglected of late, owing to illness.

At the annual school examination last November, an exhibition of sewing, knitting, darning and fancy work was made, and received most hearty commendation from both white people and Indians. Since Miss Elliot's arrival in June, her time has been fully occupied with making and mending, and the dressmaking, especially, has received a fresh impetus by the presence of a lady in charge who thoroughly understands her business.

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There has been no revival to report, still evidences of good have not been lacking—evidences expressed more by improved lives and deepened earnestness than by spoken words and outward profession.

Another year's service, with its imperfections, is completed. May God add His blessing to the work we have sought to do in His Name.

LAVINIA CLARKE.

STATISTICAL REPORT, CROSBY GIRLS' HOME.

Number enrolled during the year.....	48
Average attendance	35.7
Number in attendance at close of year.....	38

SCHOOL PROMOTIONS.

5 Promoted from Junior to Senior Third Class.	
4 " " Second to Third Class.	
3 " " First to Second Class.	
3 " " First Primer to Second Primer.	

SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL.

Reading, writing, spelling, dictation, grammar, geography, history, hygiene, music, Bible history and doctrine, and the Methodist catechism.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To cash from Treasurer W. M. S.....		\$3620 00
" Books and goods purchased for Home		47 43
" Miss Elliott's travelling expenses, outfit and incidentals.....		135 00
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Total from Treasurer W. M. S.....		\$3802 43
To goods sold at Home	\$10 00	
" Bricks "	8 50	
" Travelling expenses returned by Miss Elliott.....	5 00	
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EXPENDITURE.

By salaries	\$1134 00	
" Provisions	965 69	
" Fuel and light	241 55	
" Clothing	308 93	
" Repairs, furnishing and permanent improvements ..	275 59	
" Range	92 00	
" Freight, wharfage and cartage	176 79	
" School supplies and books	28 03	
" Insurance on furniture.....	30 00	
" Incidentals and sundries	48 65	
" Travelling expenses and outfit	318 50	
" Deficit from 1896-97	\$303 28	
" Less received after books closed.....	300 00	
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Balance, cash on hand.....	202 92	
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CHAS. M. RICHARDS, Auditor.

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REPORT FROM PORT SIMPSON HOSPITAL TO THE BOARD
OF MANAGERS W. M. S.

For the Year 1897-98.

The year just past has called for great faith, patience and endurance on the part of all the workers in the Port Simpson Hospital.

During the greater part of the year Miss Spence was absent on a much-needed furlough, and her skill and experience were much missed; however, Misses Stevenson and Lawrence did nobly, and were, under divine blessing, a great means of good to the sick and suffering that look to us for relief.

Last autumn we had an unusually large number of patients coming from distant parts of the District, and many of them serious cases, requiring more than usual care and watching. Three of these (one white and two Indians) proved incurable. Each when entering the hospital was indifferent to his soul's interests, and in each case we saw evidence of repentance and faith; and in the cases of the Indians great resignation, peace and joy at the hour of death.

Through the winter and spring the increased traffic, due to the rush to the Yukon country, brought us some cases to whom our hospital proved a great boon. One man, at least, came to us in a very critical condition. He was fully restored to health as the result of an operation, and also became reconciled to his Saviour, from whom he had drifted away during years of mining life.

When summer opened we found we had the River's Inlet work on our hands again owing to the much-regretted illness of Dr. Jackson, and to keep the hospital there open at all we would have to divide our small force and send a nurse. Accordingly, Miss Lawrence spent the month of June there, and I procured assistance for Miss Stevenson at Port Essington. At each place we had all we could care for, and many had to be refused admittance. Early in July Miss Spence returned to River's Inlet, having voluntarily cut her furlough short by two months. Miss Lawrence then returned to Port Essington, and we hoped to do some surgical work that had been awaiting the second nurse, but alas, in a very few days, Miss Lawrence was taken ill and developed typhoid fever, which she had doubtless contracted from a case that she had nursed at River's Inlet, so we had to keep on our extra help and only admit the most urgent cases. Miss Lawrence, who was much run down from overwork, made slow convalescence, and at our urgent request has taken a trip south to recuperate, and we hope will soon be able to undertake her work with wonted vigor and devotion.

Miss Stevenson, after two and a half years' of faithful service, withdrew from our work in August, and has since been married to a missionary and entered another sphere of usefulness at the Upper Skeena.

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The nurses have assisted in Sabbath School and classes, and other departments of the work.

It is hard to imagine a field that offers greater scope for humble, Christ-like work than that occupied by the nurses of the Port Simpson Hospital.

A. E. BOLTON, M.D.

FINANCIAL REPORT, PORT SIMPSON HOSPITAL, FOR THE
YEAR 1897-98.

RECEIPTS.

To cash from Treasurer W. M. S.	\$720 00	
“ Miss Spence’s travelling expenses, furlough salary, etc.	230 61	
		\$950 61

EXPENDITURE.

By deficit in 1896 97	\$80 00	
“ Miss Spence (3 months), difference between furlough and regular salary	50 00	
“ salaries, Miss Lawrence and Miss Stevenson	469 25	
“ Miss Lawrence’s trip to Victoria and salary of assistant	52 00	
“ Miss Spence’s travelling expenses and furlough salary	230 61	
Balance on hand	68 75	
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REPORT OF COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE,
CHILLIWACK, B.C.

In looking over the work of the year just closed we realize there is much reason for thankfulness. The boys and girls are becoming more and more interested in their work, and are happy and contented in the “daily round, the common task.” We believe that Christianity and education is lifting them out of the old ways of indolence. Regarding our numbers, we have an increase over last year. There are 112 on the roll, though we cannot take in many more until the new building is up—which will be used for the school-room, sewing and kindergarten departments. The present school-room will be used for dormitories, thus giving us accommodation for 130 children. The work in the different departments is faithfully done; a new department of dressmaking has been taken up, thus giving an opportunity for the older girls who desire to learn the trade.

We sent a number of articles to the exhibition at Chilliwack and Provincial exhibition held at New Westminster. We received a number of prizes at both places for sewing, knitting, vegetables and

roots. Coqualeetza Institute was also awarded the first prize for best exhibit of the industrial schools of the Province; the Williams Lake (Roman Catholic) school received second, and Kamloops (Episcopalian) received third. Each of the departments of our school was represented: The farm by a display of vegetables, roots and grain; ten pairs of neatly made shoes from the shoeshop; from the kitchen, canned fruit, pickles, bread, butter, cake, biscuits, etc.; coat and dress from the dressmaking; and from the sewing, plain sewing, hand and machine crotchet work, mending, darning, knitting socks and stockings; from the laundry, soap and starch; from the school-room, writing and drawing; and from the kindergarten, a collection of weaving, sewing, folding and peas work—altogether making a pretty and useful exhibit.

The band, composed of nineteen members, is progressing along musical lines. They have been paid for playing at garden parties and entertainments during the summer, which will help in paying for the instruments.

Our daily routine has been considerably broken in upon this fall by measles of a very severe type. About fifty of the children were down with it, and from twenty to thirty in bed at once. Our hands were full night and day for about two months; the complications of bronchitis, croup and pneumonia were serious. The doctor did not give any hopes for some of them, but our hearts are filled with thankfulness that God has spared their lives. They are all up and, we trust, will soon be entirely well.

Two little girls have died this fall—one from consumption, the other, Hannah, with scrofulous disease. She had been a great care; her sores required daily dressing, and for the last month she has been helpless. By her patience and goodness many lessons were learned.

We have a Mission Band of sixteen members in connection with the Institute. Some of the older girls are members of the Woman's Missionary Society. Also a number of the boys and girls are members of the Epworth League which meets in the Institute every Wednesday evening.

Our Sunday School is growing. We have organized; have nine classes, with superintendent, secretary, treasurer and librarian. The children have a Bible lesson every day, with an evening a week devoted to the study of the catechism. We find many things to discourage and try us; but what are the trials compared to the joy when these little ones shall accept Jesus as the rule of their life—when they shall “spread their trophies at his feet and crown Him Lord of all”? This is a grand work, with such opportunities for building up the kingdom of Christ. We need day by day the strength from above to enable us to do the work Jesus has given us.

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We have had rather a serious time at the Home—I believe, a crucial time. All eyes have been on us to see how we would come out of it. I refer to the epidemic—measles. I remember with us at home this disease was not considered very serious, but with the natives it is different, owing to the fact of so much scrofula in some of the parents. Several of the children are not free from it entirely, consequently grave complications developed, a malignant sore throat, and worse even than that, a choleric diarrhœa of very persistent character. There is now a general (slight) improvement, and I have reason to believe the worst is over. Miss Long is patience itself and an excellent nurse.

In my mind the work done in the Home is the most effectual and lasting mission work we do, at any rate at Kit-a-maat. The Home gives the industrial training, quite as necessary as “the three R’s.” It makes the training of the hands no less than the training of the head a part of education, and fits them for a decent after-life. And more important is the training of the heart. Some, the children of chiefs, have been very early taught that work is degrading; we turn the tables and strive to induce them to believe that there is no degradation in anything but sin, and that a great saving of misery and unhappiness is effected by the salvation of Jesus Christ.

GEORGE HENRY RALEY.

THE CHINESE WORK.

REPORT OF CHINESE GIRLS' HOME, VICTORIA, B. C.

Another year has expired. Its sunshine and its shadows are among the things that were.

I began the year with two girls, Christine, an invalid, and little Elsie, a new arrival from Vancouver. Near the last of October, Christine quarrelled with Katie and then walked off to the Convent. Being unwilling to return to the Home, she was sent to the Convent Orphanage, where she remained until May, then took a situation in Nanaimo; but not being able to do the work, she accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Lou to Vancouver. On being informed that she wanted to come back to the "Home," I talked the matter over with the Advisory Committee, which approved of my going for her. July 8th, I brought her over. She is not strong enough for any hard work, but is fond of sewing and knitting. She is now filling orders in knitting. During the winter I had only Elsie, who of herself is a heavy charge and a most uncertain help. We were in a state of anxiety for weeks, while the court trials over Elsie were pending. The sustained decision of Judge Walkem, after the second trial, brought to me most welcome relief.

During the Christmas holidays three entertainments were held in the "Home," for the benefit of Chinese and Japanese.

During the spring house upheaval, the parlor, dining-room, kitchen, halls and girls' room were papered, ceilings as well as walls.

Rev. E. Robson was our guest the week of Conference, early in May. His presence was a benediction.

Early in June two Japanese girls arrived from Vancouver, with a letter from the Japanese Consul. Up to the present they have been dutiful and docile, quiet and restful. A little later, a rescued Chinese woman was brought in by the police to remain about six weeks. She stayed two months. She is now in the home of one of the married girls, and never misses a Friday meeting and is also a regular attendant at the Mission Church Sunday morning. We trust the seed sown in those few weeks will bear fruit for the honor of the Sinner's Friend. Omitsu returned to us in June, to remain while Mrs. Small and baby went east, so that we have had six girls in the Home this summer, three Chinese and three Japanese. In the summer holidays, the large school-room was papered and put in complete order.

When reports can be put in statistics, the reader has a fair idea of the work represented; but it is impossible for *pen* to convey the

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The Friday meeting has been growing in numbers and interest this summer. The average attendance for the last six months has been fourteen adults and five children. One day we had as high as thirty-seven present. It is very seldom we have any English people. We often have singing in three languages. Scripture verses are always recited and explained.

The Chinese Girls' Home Mission Band meets every month and is prospering.

In June, Daisy was taken to the Jubilee hospital and operated on for appendicitis. I visited her a number of times in the three weeks. The last time I saw her, she was in a deep slumber from which she never awoke. Daisy is the first Chinese in this city to have Christian burial. Sarah called on me one day and said she wished me to use the \$22.50 I had placed in the bank for her when she was in honorable service, for any good purpose I might name; consequently, I told her I would like to put a neat head-stone at Daisy's grave. I have ordered one at a cost, in full, of fifteen dollars, with the following lettering:

"IN MEMORY OF DAISY."

"GOD IS LOVE."

This was the first scripture she committed.

Since I assumed the charge of the Home, three years ago September 1st, 1898, I have had in all thirteen resident girls under my care, besides Laura and baby two weeks, Jessie and baby nearly five weeks, Daisy two months and Katie three months. I have not been able to leave my charge to make many calls on our girls this summer, but during the year I have made 215, and written twenty-seven Home and missionary letters.

I think I can truly say that this Home has had my heart, head and hands, yes, and feet, too, ever since I entered. I have aimed at being faithful in the detail of duty, irrespective of the class of work involved. On taking a retrospect of the many-sided work of this position, there have been some disappointments and many things reasonably satisfactory, so that taking it on the whole, I have had success. To God I would give all the thanks and praise. It is He who equips for the fight. He gives us our weapons of warfare, which are not carnal but spiritual.

With greetings, yours in the Master's work,

S. BOWES.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER, 1897, TO
SEPTEMBER, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand.....	\$251 85	
From Treasurer W. M. S.....	1883 00	
Allowance for nursing Christine.....	10 00	
School fees and teaching in Chinatown.....	48 60	
Miss Churchill, from night-school.....	135 00	
Donations.....	10 00	
From sale of tables, dress, etc.....	10 50	
Mrs. D. Spencer, outlay over \$50.00 in furnishing Miss Churchill's room.....	10 00	
		\$2358 95

EXPENDITURE.

By salaries (three missionaries).....	\$1200 00	
“ “ Miss Churchill, to 16th September, 1897.....	54 00	
“ “ Chinese lessons.....	47 00	
Nursing Christine.....	10 00	
Miss Morgan's travelling expenses.....	27 40	
Insurance and sewer tax.....	13 00	
Furnishing and repairs.....	228 00	
Literature.....	7 10	
Rescue work.....	14 20	
Maintenance of Home.....	302 65	
Balance, cash on hand.....	455 60	
		\$2358 95

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK AMONG THE CHINESE
WOMEN IN VICTORIA, B.C.

The plans and aspirations of twelve months ago have not all been carried out or realized during the past year, but the work has been slowly and steadily growing. The number of homes entered, sixty-one, is but one in advance of last year; this is owing to the fact that several families returned to China. So far as can be ascertained there are only six houses that have not opened their doors to the "Jesus woman." Towards the close of July an entrance was gained to the home of one of the leading merchants, where, for two years, admittance was denied me. Now both husband and wife treat me as a friend. Since the Chinese New Year three of the women in Chinatown have been taking lessons in English—one for half an hour daily—for which she paid \$3 per month. To the other two I gave a twenty minutes' lesson each day, making more than an hour's teaching in Chinatown in English. In two homes, one of which I hoped would be a centre for a weekly meeting, the women are reading the Bible. I did succeed in holding three or four meetings there, at which there

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were always visitors present, but saw the wiser plan was to let the meeting go for a while, and just call occasionally. Taking my Bible pictures with me, the woman was eager to read about them, and I am hoping will ask me to continue this meeting next year. In every home, where the women can read, a copy of one of the Gospels was left. In others a text of Scripture, printed in large characters, adorns the wall. The Sunday afternoon meeting, mentioned in last quarter's report, has been a real joy to me; men, women and children are all interested; average attendance, sixteen. Five or six of the children attend morning service quite frequently. For weeks last spring I was kept busy taking several women to see doctor and dentist; a number also have asked help in making their children English clothes, thus showing their confidence in me. The little Sunday School has also increased in numbers, twenty-six names having been registered. I do not think any of the women are anxious to be Christians, but I do believe a grand work could be done with the help of a Chinese Bible-woman two days during each week; Chinese does not come as readily to me as Japanese; I find the tones very confusing. No visits have been made to Nanaimo or the mainland since March. Total visits during the year, 1,011. The home school was very small all winter and early spring, only Elsie living here, but I closed in July with seven pupils—three Chinese and four Japanese. The latter not being able to read Japanese I taught them to read their own language as well as English. Owing to the Sunday meeting in Chinatown, I was obliged to give up my Japanese Bible-class, but still go to help with the singing and give all the time I can to the night-school. Numbers of Japanese women are met at the boarding-houses and supplied with literature in their native tongue. There are a great many of them now in British Columbia. While I have no conversions to report among the women I am glad to say that a number have from time to time attended the Friday afternoon meeting in the Home.

F. KATE MORGAN.

REPORT OF THE CHINESE METHODIST DAY-SCHOOL.

Taking a glance backward over our school work for the past year, we feel that our report ought to be one of an encouraging character.

During the year 70 names have been enrolled on our books. This number appears very large, but it must be remembered that we have not had this number registered in any one quarter. The third and fourth quarters of the year we registered 47 and 44 respectively. The first two quarters being smaller gives us an average quarterly total of 36. Out of the 70 pupils which have come into the school 47 have been boys from the night-school, ranging from 12 to probably

25 years of age. The remaining 23 have been children under 12 years of age. Of the 23 children 4 only are girls, the remaining 19 being boys.

While a number of our pupils have been with us for a short time only, some, indeed, merely coming out of curiosity to see what we were like, on the whole the attendance for the year has been very satisfactory and quite sufficient to keep one teacher busy during school hours.

The progress in English has been very good. Our pupils generally are very bright; indeed, after having had six years' experience in teaching in an English school, my testimony is that the Chinese are quite equal, and in some cases superior, in intellect to ourselves.

After having spent almost two years amongst the Chinese people, I feel my interest in them increasing. As I have during all this time come in contact with the Chinese I have experienced nothing but kindness and expressions of goodwill, from both men and women, Christian and heathen. The night-school work has been especially gratifying. Indeed, my night-school could not fail to enthuse anyone capable of being aroused at all. While there have been some difficulties in connection with the day-school, and the task of keeping our small children together has called for all our ingenuity and constant oversight, the night-school has gone ahead splendidly, without the slightest interruption, and keener interest is manifested on the part of our pupils now than ever before. During the year eight in connection with our Mission have become Christians and been baptized, while many others have been among the inquirers. We finished up the year's work of both schools with a public meeting in the Chinese Mission. This was the most enthusiastic gathering we have ever had. The Mission schoolroom was packed to the doors and numbers had to go away who could not obtain admission. The year we have just entered upon bids fair to be the best in the history of the Mission. Already the night-school is full, and we have to set about providing more seating accommodation.

I have been studying the language since March, and find it exceedingly interesting and not nearly as difficult as I supposed it would be. With my school work I have not been able to give as much time to it as such a language would reasonably call for; but four weeks of good, solid, concentrated study during vacation gave me a great lift forward, and I find myself now able to read the Gospels pretty well. There is something peculiarly fascinating to me in the fact of being able to follow intelligently while the lessons are being read in church and to be able to read those curious-looking characters for myself.

I am sure you will be very glad to hear that on Sunday night past we baptized another young man, one who has only very recently been attending our Mission. The decided stand he has taken, and the intelligent and earnest testimony given in our Thursday night prayer-

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meeting, leads us to believe that he will be a true follower of the Lord Jesus. The baptismal service was one of unusual interest. We had the largest Sunday congregation that we have had since I have been here. Rev. Mr. Speer, of Metropolitan Church, read the service in English, and Rev. Mr. Chan, our pastor, in the Chinese. Everybody seemed very attentive and interested. This is the first baptism since reopening after summer vacation; we hope it may be but the earnest of what is to follow during the year upon which we have just entered.

It would be strange indeed if, on looking back over a year of Christian effort and work, we could say that no shadows had fallen across our pathway; but the sunshine has been a thousand times greater than the shadow; and the consciousness that the Divine approval has rested upon us and our work, more than compensates for all the rest and has enabled us to go steadily forward, turning neither to the right nor the left, with a firm purpose that "none of these things move us."

We, as heretofore, ask your prayers that the Holy Spirit may direct us in all things, and that God may use us in the salvation of those whom we are privileged to labor amongst.

E. A. CHURCHILL.

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REPORTS FROM BRANCHES.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1897-98.

In presenting another report of the work done by our Branch, it is necessarily the same story of encouragement and discouragement; encouragement because we can report an increase in number of Auxiliaries, in membership, and in funds raised, but disappointed that the increase is not greater, that there are yet so many Circuits within the range of our Conference who have not yet engaged in this work, who find some excuse for standing aloof. This is one of the problems we wrestle with from year to year—How can we interest the uninterested ones in those fields as yet unorganized? If we could only find a solution to this problem our success would be assured. Our organizers are doing faithful work, but in many cases seeing very little result.

Conventions have been held on most of the Districts, and our work has thereby been strengthened. Literature has been distributed through the Auxiliaries. Knowledge increased in the information gathered at the monthly meetings through carrying out the Suggested Programme and Watch Tower. Funds have been increased by collections taken at the missionary prayer service held once a quarter, and by the Easter Thank-offering.

Many boxes of clothing have been prepared by Auxiliaries which have gone to bless many needy homes and bring brightness and cheer to both young and old.

We are pleased to report the following new Auxiliaries: Belmont, Bayfield, Chatham (Victoria Avenue), Stratford (Waterloo Street), Shetland and Tilbury. Kintore and St. Clair have not reported for this year.

We report 94 Auxiliaries; increase, 4; annual members, 2,080; life-members, 97; total membership, 2,177; increase, 43; Mission Bands, 24; Mission Band members, 1,040. Sent Branch Treasurer, \$5,843.96; sent General Treasurer, \$5,778.70; increase, \$334.93.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life- members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
London District—					
London—First Church	100	24	124	40	\$644 75
—Dundas Centre	80	13	93	25	449 23
—Wellington Street	49	4	53	17	135 17
—South	50	..	50	19	183 18
—West	48	1	49	22	179 76
—Centennial	26	..	26	8	62 84
—Colborne Street	24	..	24	11	95 00
Arva	20	..	20	11	33 00
Belmont	15	..	15	..	116 00
Baker's	13	..	13	..	22 50
Centenary	12	..	12	6	23 00
Siloam	8	..	8	..	8 50
Lambeth	23	1	24	12	150 00
North Street	31	..	31	13	146 72
Salem	13	..	13	6	52 10
Sharon	17	..	17	11	30 00
The Grove	18	..	18	6	23 54
Thorndale	16	..	16	7	32 65
White Oak	8	..	8	8	25 99
Stratford District—					
Stratford—Waterloo Street	19	..	19	11	24 65
Carlingford	14	..	14	4	19 40
Bethel	17	..	17	7	44 06
Fullarton	16	..	16	6	49 66
Listowel	22	..	22	10	50 00
Mit hell	32	4	36	12	66 63
Milverton	21	..	21	6	38 50
St. Mary's	43	5	48	19	123 85
Wingham District—					
Wingham	32	..	32	10	65 43
Brussels	26	..	26	14	50 44
Ethel	17	..	17	8	24 46
Gorrie	16	2	18	7	21 11
Kincardine	16	2	18	9	24 00
Teeswater	46	..	46	15	88 70
Whitechurch	19	..	19	8	30 00

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Goderich District—					
Goderich	32	2	34	13	\$125 50
Auburn	11	..	11	6	15 25
Brucefield	8	..	8	6	16 50
Clinton—Rattenbury Street	41	4	45	15	105 50
—Ontario Street	17	2	19	11	36 72
Dungannon	17	..	17	8	22 00
Holmesville	22	1	23	11	37 35
Nile	15	..	15	..	25 00
Seaforth	14	1	15	13	36 80
Varna	10	..	10	7	25 20
Exeter District—					
Exeter	20	4	24	11	58 75
Cooper's	27	..	27	..	38 57
Clandeboye and Nursery	16	..	16	8	19 85
Centralia	20	..	20	8	33 44
Granton	25	..	25	10	46 51
Hensall	19	..	19	..	40 50
Kirkton Circuit	46	..	46	17	106 05
Ilderton	30	..	30	14	96 70
Lucan	11	1	12	6	16 25
Wesley	10	..	10	..	27 36
Strathroy District—					
Strathroy	32	..	32	9	60 85
Melbourne	21	..	21	10	33 52
Petrolia	20	..	20	8	44 00
Watford	14	2	16	8	68 05
Sarnia District—					
Sarnia	33	3	36	12	70 02
Alvinston	9	..	9	6	9 00
Windsor District—					
Windsor	28	1	29	8	54 54
Essex	21	..	21	8	42 00
Kingsville	30	..	30	8	37 45
Rochester	8	..	8	6	15 00
Woodslee South	11	..	11	..	17 41

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE
BRANCH—Continued.**

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life- members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Chatham District					
Chatham—Park Street	33	2	35	..	\$173 01
—Victoria Avenue	14	..	14	8	22 00
Blenheim	8	..	8	..	8 00
Charing Cross	21	..	21	6	53 74
Dresden	22	..	22	..	29 29
Tilbury	11	..	11	6	5 00
Ridgetown District—					
Ridgetown	11	..	11	..	16 00
Florence	7	..	7	4	9 00
Glencoe	6	..	6	..	23 53
Highgate	27	..	27	9	61 69
Huff's	13	1	14	10	31 50
Newbury	10	..	10	4	13 71
Shetland	17	..	17	9	25 00
St. Thomas District—					
St. Thomas—First	45	7	52	20	146 91
—Grace Church	27	..	27	9	76 75
—Central	35	3	38	25	107 75
Aylmer	30	2	32	9	60 39
Brownsville	29	..	29	9	73 18
Corinth	20	..	20	10	23 31
Fingal	13	..	13	9	31 05
Grovesend	10	..	10	6	10 70
Muncey Indian Mission	7	..	7	5	22 00
Port Stanley	9	..	9	..	9 75
Sparta	17	..	17	11	29 30
Straffordville	19	..	19	8	48 25
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Town Line	11	..	11	5	29 30
Union	10	4	14	7	58 00
Yarmouth Centre	18	1	19	10	32 38
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TREASURER'S REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 20th, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, September, 1897	\$2 31
Donations for support of Bible-woman from Miss Noch ..	50 00
From use of Mite-boxes	3 00
From a friend, Wingham District.....	1 00
Interest on bank deposit	0 65
From Auxiliaries and Mission Bands	5,787 00
	\$5,843 96

EXPENDITURE.

Corresponding Secretary's account	\$8 00
Mission Band Secretary's account.....	3 10
Mrs. McMechan, Conference expenses	1 10
Literature	13 76
Printing.....	8 00
Postage, exchange on drafts, etc.....	6 30
	\$40 26
Remitted General Treasurer.....	5,778 70
Balance cash on hand	25 00
	\$5,843 96

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Included in above report.

Bible-women in Japan, Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles	\$50 00
Lambeth	50 00
Avon Epworth League.....	13 00
Miss Noch.....	50 00
Highgate	50 00
Ilderton	60 00
Jennie Ford Home	369 68
Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles' (London) Church Class will support last infant admitted in Home and have named it "Naomi Wood,"—first instalment.....	25 00
Straffordville—Chentu Girls' Home	25 00
Wingham—For Mr. and Mrs. Raley, Kitamaat	11 70
From Epworth League, for support of Lizzie Bradley, Crosby Home	11 21
Golden Reapers, Grace Church, St. Thomas, for support of Laura Taylor, Crosby Home	25 00
Bequests	2 00
Easter thank-offering	393 79

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Membership fees	\$2,004 54
Life-members' Fees	226 00
Mission Bands.....	1,041 57
Epworth Leagues.....	62 52
Mite-boxes	554 72
Donations, thank-offerings, etc.....	1,258 32
All other sources	696 29
	\$5,843 96

Amount sent to
Branch Treasurer.

\$173 01
22 00
8 00
53 74
29 29
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16 00
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23 53
61 69
31 50
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146 91
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ANNUAL MEETING OF LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH,

HELD IN GODERICH, OCTOBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1898.

The Convention held its first session at 2.30 on Tuesday, Mrs. Burns, of St. Thomas, in the chair, and an attendance of seventy delegates.

After devotional exercises and the reception of memorials and resolutions the President spoke a few encouraging words declining to make any formal address, the Vice-President also following with short and cheering messages.

A sweet and tender service in memory of our promoted members elicited many testimonies of lives spent in the Master's service, and of sufferings borne with resignation and faith. Eighteen names were mentioned.

At the close of the session the Communion was administered by two of the resident clergymen.

Between six and eight a pleasant interval of social enjoyment gave the delegates an opportunity of renewing old acquaintance and making new friends.

The evening session included reports of Secretary and Treasurer, which will be found elsewhere, and an exercise on the Watch Tower taken part in by three delegates.

Wednesday was largely occupied with Committee work, and as the memorials appear in the proceedings of the General Board we insert those referring to Branch work only.

A resolution commending the action of Judge Chesley and others at the General Conference, looking to the admission of women as lay delegates on the Quarterly Boards and Annual Conferences, received the endorsement of the Branch.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Cavers, representing the Provincial W. C. T. U., met with a hearty response, and an affectionate resolution of sympathy with their work was ordered to be sent in reply. A telegram from the Hamilton Conference Branch, then in session at Palmerston, was also acknowledged.

The Report of the Modes of Work dealt with suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the Auxiliaries, a Prayer Pledge, Outlook and Visiting committees being recommended.

The Organizers recommended that District Organizers be nominated by ballot without debate at the District Convention and elected at the following Branch Meeting. That they be *ex-officio* members of the Branch Meeting and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid by the District Convention. That they hold Conventions at such time and place as they deem best. That they arrange a plan of missionary meetings in districts immediately after the Branch Meeting. That they arrange to have our work represented at the May District Meeting and Epworth League Convention. That they arrange the finances of the District so as to make the District self-supporting.

Mrs. Tennant's report of Systematic Giving noted an increase of over one hundred to the list of those so contributing.

The subjects of the Open Parliament were District, Auxiliary and Mission Band work, and also Systematic Giving. All these subjects were intelligently discussed, giving the delegates food for thought and future action.

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The invitation for next meeting was given by First Methodist Church, London, and accepted.

The result of the elections was as follows :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, St. Thomas.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	" (Dr.) Fowler, London.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	" Dickson, London.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	" (Dr.) Eccles, London.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" J. H. McMechan, London.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Cunningham, Kincardine.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Miss Lizzie Acheson, Box 186, Goderich.
<i>Cor. Sec'y of Mission Bands</i>	" Webster, London.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mr. W. R. Robertson, Goderich.
<i>Superintendent of Systematic Giving</i>	Mrs. J. H. Tennant, London.
<i>Representative to Annual Conference</i>	" J. H. McMechan, London.
<i>Delegates to Board</i>	(See General Board proceedings.)

DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

<i>London</i>	Mrs. T. Evans, London.
<i>Stratford</i>	" Rice, St. Mary's.
<i>Wingham</i>	" Muxworthy, Teeswater.
<i>Goderich</i>	" Leech, Holmesville.
<i>Exeter</i>	" Paisley, Ilderton.
<i>Strathroy</i>	" Gundy, Strathroy.
<i>Sarnia</i>	" Luscomb, Sarnia.
<i>Windsor</i>	" Thorpe, Windsor.
<i>Chatham</i>	" Gardner, Sarnia.
<i>Ridgetown</i>	" Bond, Ridgetown.
<i>St. Thomas</i>	" Marlatt, St. Thomas.

The public meeting on Thursday was crowded, and was addressed by Mr. Byers, of India, who, with his wife and little Hindu pupils, interested and delighted the audience. Rev. Jasper Wilson made a kindly and efficient chairman.

Votes of thanks were carried most heartily, showing the appreciation of the delegates for the kind hospitality both of hostesses and church officials, nor was the choir forgotten.

The Prize Banner was awarded to Teeswater Mission Band.

A. G. McMECHAN, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Probably never before in the history of Mission Bands have they had so much to work against as in the year just closed. For that reason we are thankful to be able to report an increase of nearly 200 in our membership, also an increase in funds of the Bands and Circles. Last year we had upwards of \$200 in donations from Epworth Leagues. This year only \$62.52 has been reported as coming from them.

Last year we had twenty-four Circles and Bands, three of which dropped out during the year, Dungannon and Essex joining the League and Ilderton closing altogether.

Three new ones have organized during the year, leaving us still with the twenty-four. At Vienna a good Circle was formed in April, but they have no Auxiliary there. In Askin Street, London, a Band of ten members has just organized and is ready for work. Wellington Street also is organized. Several other places we have in view and hope soon to hear from them.

At the first of the year we thought it a good plan to distribute literature in places not organized, so sent to District Organizers and obtained a goodly number of names and forwarded literature which we hope may yet result in good.

The Easter offering was taking up with great interest and received generous financial support.

We are much encouraged and are looking forward to a grand year.

The spiritual side of our work is taking a more prominent place in our Circles and Bands, for we all realize that God cannot and will not work through any but consecrated channels.

LONDON CONFERENCE MISSION BANDS.

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 ATTWOOD.—Pres.,; Sec.,.....
 AMHERSTBURG.—Pres.,.....; Sec.,.....
 BRIGDEN.—Pres.,.....; Sec.,.....
 GODERICH.—Pres.,.....; Sec., Miss Laura Brydges.
 LONDON (FIRST METHODIST).—Pres., Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles; Sec., Miss Edith Weldon.
 (DUNDAS CENTRE).—Pres., Miss Ettie Webster; Sec., Miss Annie McGee.
 (ASKIN STREET, C.).—Pres., Mrs. T. J. Cahill; Sec., Mrs. J. Ward.
 *(ASKIN STREET, B.).—Pres., Miss Cahill; Sec.,.....
 (WELLINGTON STREET, C.).—Pres.,; Sec.,.....
 *(WELLINGTON STREET, B.).—Pres.,; Sec.,.....
 (EMPRESS AVENUE).—Pres., Mrs. Elson; Sec., Miss M. Robb.
 (COLBORNE STREET).—Pres., Miss Crozier; Sec., Miss Edith Hance.
 LISTOWEL.—Pres., Miss Gertrude Crich; Sec., Miss Annie Edmunds.
 ST. THOMAS (FIRST METHODIST).—Pres.,; Sec.,
 (GRACE CHURCH).—Pres., Miss Nellie Couch; Sec., Miss Pearl Woodford.
 SARNIA.—Pres., Mrs. Luscombe; Sec., Miss Sarah Oliver.
 STRAFFORDVILLE.—Pres., Miss N. Denton; Sec., Mr. Clinton Ford.
 SEAFORTH.—Pres.,; Sec.,.....
 SALEM.—Pres., Miss D. Thompson; Sec., Miss Olive Welsie.
 TEESWATER.—Pres., Mrs. J. W. Fields; Sec., Miss Maude Skilling.
 *VIENNA.—Pres., Mrs. Edwards; Sec., Miss Maude Edwards.
 WINDSOR (C.).—Pres., Miss Josie Abel; Sec., Miss F. Banwell.
 " (B.).—Pres.,; Sec.,.....

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

MISSION BANDS.	Total Number of Members.	Total Sum from Members' Fees.	Amount paid Auxiliary Treasurer during year.
Aylmer.....	44	\$10 00	\$17 34
* Attwood .....	..	....	13 00
* Corinth .....	..	....	3 00
Goderich	98	13 30	27 75
London—First Methodist (C.).....	120	45 25	242 11
—Dundas Centre (C.)	85	25 75	242 70
—Askin Street (C.)	72	15 50	85 50
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—Wellington Street (C.)	26	6 00	41 20
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—Empress Avenue	47	10 50	40 72
—Colborne Street.....	18	4 50	22 00
Listowel	31	7 75	25 00
St. Thomas—First Methodist (C.).....	53	13 00	42 96
—Grace (C.)	32	8 00	39 75
—Central.....	71	17 75	55 00
Sarnia	90	22 25	23 52
Straffordville	30	3 00	8 66
Seaforth	16	4 10	2 75
Salem	16	1 60	6 83
Teeswater	56	5 60	24 15
Windsor (C.)	9	2 00	20 29
" Chatham donation (B.) .....	..	....	50 80
* Vienna	12	3 00	3 00
Total.....	1040	\$218 85	\$1027 03

LEAGUES.

Mitchell	\$3 00
Granton	5 44
Watford	22 93
Avon	13 00
Holmesville	1 65
Wingham	11 70
Zion	11 21
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	\$68 93
Grace Church, St. Thomas (counted in Band).....	10 00
Total	\$78 93

* New Band.

MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

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Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) R. C. Burton ; V.-Pres., Miss F. Tyndall ; Rec. Sec., Miss J. Dennison ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. C. Rathwell ; Treas., Mrs. V. M. Diehl. Mesdames Jas. Wanless, A. B. Stephenson, T. Wiley, Jas. McClymont ; Miss A. J. Keyes.

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Pres., Mrs. McAlister ; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Baker ; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Virgo ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Lawrence ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Maxwell ; Treas., Mrs. White. Mesdames Thompson, *Wm. Hindson, *S. Hume, Mavity, Moore, Robt. Mitchell, John Mitchell, W. J. Hastings, T. B. Taylor, Jas. Hindson.

WESLEY, BIRR CIRCUIT.

Pres., Miss Dora Stewart ; V.-Pres, Miss Victoria Eedy ; Rec. Sec., Miss Fanny Langford ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Geo. Walden ; Treas., Miss Lillie Walden. Mesdames Sam. Langford, Benj. Walden ; Misses Lillie Langford, Maggie McRobert, Rachel Langford.

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Pres., Mrs. Geo. Webb ; 1st V.-Pres., Miss E. Cottle ; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. C. Taylor ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. J. Cuyler ; Cor. Sec., Miss C. Wellwood ; Treas. Mrs. J. Joynt. Mesdames Kew, Welwood, Miller, C. Taylor, Leech, Worden, Cottle, Ferrier, J. Ferrier, Ford ; Misses Ferrier, Campbell, Chamney.

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Pres., Mrs. J. Mennil ; V.-Pres., Mrs. A. Hunt ; Rec. Sec., Miss Louie Flawn ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Shore ; Treas., Miss M. Daubeney. Mesdames S. Millson, J. Mann, J. Manning.

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Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Livingston ; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Duncan ; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. T. Patterson ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. D. Learoyd ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. K. Hunter ; Treas., Mrs. Belsome. Mesdames M. A. Turk, Bond, Jas. Dixon, Thorpe, W. J. Clinton, Lanspeary, Johnson, Potter, Cronk, Eveleigh, Squires, Snider, Mibourgall, C. Dixon, (Rev.) J. R. Gundy, B. H. Walker, Bangham, Clarke, J. S. Edgar, Matthews, E. Turk, J. H. Shepherd ; Miss Snider.

WINGHAM.

Pres., Mrs. W. B. Towler ; V.-Pres., Mrs. Helm ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Morton ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. Hough ; Treas., Mrs. E. P. Paulin.

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Pres., Mrs. Wm. Bennett ; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Henry Jones ; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. D. C. Dewhirst ; Rec. Sec., Miss Addie Jones ; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Laura Hunt ; Treas., Mrs. Fred. Bennett. Mesdames Wm. Smyth, J. W. Myles, (Rev.) Shaw, Geo. Ruston ; Miss Sarah Duncan.

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Pres., Mrs. I. Balkwell ; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. D. McIntyre ; 2nd V.-Pres., *Mrs. Edith Parlee ; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. Ross ; 4th V.-Pres., Mrs. Blewitt ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Small ; Cor. Sec., Miss Belle McIntyre ; Treas., Mrs. E. Smith. Mesdames G. Small, B. Marlatt, M. Penhale, M. Shepherd, A. Taylor, A. Luton ; Misses Ida Heydon, M. Small, Balkwell, L. Marlatt, Knight.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is with pleasure and thankfulness we present this our fourth annual report.

Every Auxiliary is characterized by earnest active service, and nearly all report a deepening interest.

Some have met and partially overcome difficulties, although we regret two Auxiliaries have disbanded and a few others have not reported.

With these exceptions the reports show no lagging in the work, but a decidedly increased interest. The study of the different mission fields discarding on topics relating to missionary work have become prominent features in the monthly meetings, all of which tend to awaken an intelligent interest in the work of the Society.

Eight Auxiliaries responded to the call for clothing and quilts for needy missions. Two more have boxes nearly ready.

Thank-offering services have been universal in all our Auxiliaries.

Conventions have been held on nearly all the districts and good results have followed.

We are pleased to report three new Auxiliaries—Hepworth, Canfield and Tapleystown.

We cannot give accurate membership owing to some Auxiliaries not reporting.

Number of Auxiliaries	96		
“ “ Annual members	2128	Increase....	38
“ “ Life-members	165	“	7
	2293	“	45
Total membership	2293	“	3
Number of Mission Circles and Bands ..	40		
“ “ Members	1336		
Total membership, including Mission Circles and Bands	3629		
Amount raised by Auxiliaries	\$4,328		50
“ “ “ Mission Circles and Bands	912		99
Total income from all sources	5,448		67
Remitted to General Treasurer	5,296		56

A. HARDY, *Cor. Sec.*

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1897-98.	Number of Life-members, 1897-98.	Total Membership, 1897-98	Average Attendance, 1897-98.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, 1897-98.
Hamilton District—					
Binbrook	9	..	9	5	\$20 50
Bartonville	9	..	9	7	50 00
Caledonia	30	..	30	18	34 95
Dundas	47	12	59	16	150 24
Hamilton—Centenary	50	35	85	27	334 92
—Weslev	56	12	68	28	243 85
—First Church	64	3	67	28	357 34
—Gore Church	15	..	15	10	55 00
—Zion Tabernacle	29	1	30	11	52 36
—Hannah Street	26	..	26	9	54 67
—Barton Street .....	..	..	..	..	....
Ker (Abingdon)	20	..	20	11	23 80
Stoney Creek	31	1	32	9	59 09
Tapleystown
Guelph District—					
Acton	15	4	19	10	30 21
Belfountain
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Ennotville	6	..	6	4	8 90
Fergus	14	2	16	8	43 13
Guelph—Norfolk Street	40	3	43	15	77 17
—Dublin Street	35	1	36	19	67 36
Georgetown	21	..	21	10	43 63
Rockwood	13	1	14	7	23 51
St. Catharines District—					
Beamsville	19	..	19	6	22 33
Grimsby	20	2	22	14	43 65
Niagara Falls	22	2	24	11	35 95
Niagara Falls South	22	7	29	8	115 55
Thorold	9	2	11	5	43 05
Tintern	18	2	20	6	26 00
St. Catharines—St. Paul Street	41	9	50	14	135 97
—Welland Avenue	22	2	24	10	33 97
Louth and Grantham	11	..	11	7	22 00

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE
BRANCH—Continued.**

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1897-98.	Number of Life- members, 1897-98.	Total Membership, 1897-98.	Average Attend- ance, 1897-98.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, 1897-98.
Brantford District—					
Brantford—Brant Avenue.....	45	7	52	40	\$116 91
—Wellington Street.....	43	3	46	17	106 23
—Colborne Street.....	60	7	67	18	147 29
—Sydenham Street.....	12	..	12	6	22 60
Jerseyville.....	17	5	22	8	55 28
Mount Pleasant.....	16	2	18	7	24 39
Paris.....	31	1	32	12	71 83
St. George.....	12	..	12	6	14 50
West Flamboro'.....	25	..	25	10	80 21
Woodstock District—					
Bright.....	9	..	9	6	10 60
Beachville.....	12	..	12	..	17 25
Burgessville.....	11	..	11	10	11 50
Eastwood.....	12	..	12	6	25 00
Ingersoll—King Street.....	47	4	51	18	89 01
—Charles Street.....	18	..	18	8	31 11
Princeton.....	10	..	10	5	40 34
Woodstock—Central.....	97	5	102	40	214 50
—Norwich Avenue.....	..	..	..	..	3 75
Currie's Crossing.....	18	..	18	13	26 00
Salford.....	13	..	13	8	21 00
Galt District—					
Berlin.....	25	..	25	..	27 25
Galt.....	51	1	52	24	104 08
Simcoe District—					
Canfield.....	..	..	..	..	....
Jarvis.....	55	1	56	21	104 25
Old Windham.....	14	..	14	5	32 54
Port Dover.....	18	..	18	10	40 82
Simcoe.....	29	1	30	8	37 00
Waterford.....	20	1	21	7	39 00
Woodhouse.....	3	..	3	3	7 78
Lynnville.....	4	..	4	2	4 36
Milton District—					
Burlington.....	28	2	30	10	68 91
Carlisle and Kilbride.....	13	1	14	7	25 40
Freelton.....	13	..	13	6	19 52
Milton.....	29	3	32	11	64 00
Millgrove.....	50	2	52	24	46 61
Oakville.....	33	4	37	12	113 50

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AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1897-98.	Number of Life-members, 1897-98.	Total Membership, 1897-98.	Average Attendance, 1897-98.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, 1897-98.
Milton District—Continued.					
Waterdown	59	1	60	15	\$107 65
Wesley	18	..	18	9	24 50
Welland District—					
Caistorville	20	..	20	8	35 51
Dunnville	23	1	24	9	35 49
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Welland.....	9	1	10	6	17 85
Ridgeway	9	..	9	6	20 50
Norwich District—					
Burford and Fairfield.....	20	..	20	10	28 00
Dereham Centre	29	..	29	24	52 00
Delhi	8	1	9	5	9 27
Little Lake	15	..	15	7	24 48
Norwich.....	18	..	18	9	36 34
Oakland	5	1	6	3	30 31
Tilsonville	19	..	19	10	60 63
Teeterville.....	37	2	39	10	69 44
Wilsonville and Bealton	19	2	21	7	88 15
Palmerston District—					
Harriston	25	..	25	11	51 60
Palmerston	28	..	28	10	83 80
Zion, Alma Circuit	11	..	11	9	14 85
Drayton	10	1	11	5	32 75
Mount Forest District—					
Arthur	10	..	10	6	10 00
Durham .....	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Valley	13	..	13	7	21 00
Mount Forest	27	2	29	9	84 16
Walkerton District—					
Chesley	14	..	14	8	18 00
Hanover.....	16	1	17	7	33 89
Paisley	13	1	14	8	24 11
Walkerton.....	17	..	17	8	56 42
Warton District—					
Allenford	18	..	18	10	22 75
Hepworth .....	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2128	165	2293	965	\$5296 56

TREASURER'S REPORT OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

From Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and Leagues.....	\$5,368 43	
Collections at annual meeting	29 05	
Sale of literature and badge pins	6 07	
Canboro' Auxiliary, too late for last year's report	6 40	
Bartonville Auxiliary, additional.....	1 00	
Ker Circuit	7 00	
Alma	3 25	
Allenford	6 80	
Interest	0 67	
Balance on hand, October 1st, 1897.....	20 00	
		\$5,448 67

EXPENDITURE.

To General Treasurer—First Quarter.....	\$583 65	
" " —Second "	900 00	
" " —Third "	1,558 71	
" " —Fourth "	2,254 20	
Branch expenses	120 60	
Balance	31 51	
		\$5,448 67

Audited and found correct.

R. S. SCHELL, *Auditor.*

FLORENCE MILLAR, *Treasurer.*

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Included in Statement.

Hamilton First Church, Y. P. S. C. E and Junior C. E. for support of girl in West China School	\$25 00	
Waterdown Junior C. E. Society, for support of girl in Chentu Burlington, in memory of the late Rev. J. Histon, towards the purchase of land for Azabu Girls' School.....	25 00	
Niagara Falls South, Mrs. Z. B. Lewis, for the "Jennie Ford Home"	25 00	
Paris, for support of Bible-woman	50 00	
Brantford, Colborne St. Junior E. L., for the "Jennie Ford Home"	25 00	
Brantford, Wellington St. Junior E. L., for the "Jennie Ford Home".....	5 10	
Hamilton, Gore St. E. L. of C. E., for the "Jennie Ford Home".....	25 00	
Hamilton, Hannah St. Junior E. L., for the "Jennie Ford Home".....	20 90	
Hanover, Junior and Senior Leagues	10 00	
Ingersoll, King Street Epworth League, for the "Jennie Ford Home"	7 00	
Total amount received for the "Jennie Ford Home" from Auxiliaries and Leagues	1 50	
From Mission Bands.....		\$129 00
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		\$268 26

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SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual Members' Fees	\$2127 00
Life-members' Fees	275 00
Mission Circles and Bands	912 99
Epworth Leagues	126 94
Mite-boxes	282 67
Donations (Easter offering for China, \$920.06)	1466 46
Public meetings and other sources	457 29

FLORENCE MILLAR, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON BRANCH.

The fourth annual meeting of this Branch convened in the Palmerston Church, October 4th, 5th and 6th, under the presidency of Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson, Elora, whose opening words of invocation and counsel pervaded every session.

Kindly greetings and words of welcome were voiced by the representatives of the various churches and societies, Mrs. Gambells speaking for the Palmerston friends.

In the Memoriam Service, conducted by Mrs. Nichols, Hamilton, the tributes paid to the fourteen members who had died are expressed in the words of John Wesley, "Our people die well."

The Testimony Service, led by Mrs. Kitchen, Waterford, was a real spiritual uplift, fittingly followed by the Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. J. H. Robinson, Crane, Jackson, of Harriston, and Rev. Thos. Crosby.

In the evening the President's address dwelt chiefly on the spiritual side of the work. Mrs. Strachan, Field Secretary, gave a very clear and concise account of the work on the various fields. Rev. Thos. Crosby, of British Columbia, followed with an interesting talk on the habits and characteristics of the Indians and of the work of our Church amongst them.

Miss Barker, Conference Organizer, reported four new Auxiliaries organized, with conventions held in almost every district.

The report of Mrs. (Dr.) Mills, Superintendent of Systematic Giving, and the discussion which followed, brought out practical illustrations of the system. Thirty-two local superintendents are at work.

In the open parliament, the question drawer, the Workers' Conference and the Organizer's experiences, many helpful subjects were introduced and discussed, from which valuable information was acquired.

Letters of sympathy were sent to the President of the Board, Mrs. Ross, and the Branch Vice-President, Mrs. Sharpe, who have so recently been bereaved; also to our missionary, Miss Lambly, who is returning with impaired health.

The Convention put on record its sympathy with and desire for a prohibitory liquor law.

The duties of Organizers are again brought before the districts:

1. The duties of Conference Organizer: To prepare a report for the Branch meeting, to assist Organizers where necessary, and represent the Society at the Conference, or be responsible for such representation.

2. Of District Organizer: Where no Auxiliary exists, to be responsible for W. M. Sabbath, to work the Scattered Helpers' scheme and endeavor to organize, to visit or correspond with Auxiliaries and report the state of the work to Conference Organizer.

3. That District Organizers be *ex-officio* members of the Branch meeting and have all the privileges of delegates, and expenses paid by the Branch Treasurer.

4. That any General Board officer of the Woman's Missionary Society resident in the Branch also be a member of the Branch meeting with all the privileges of the Convention.

5. That the officers for the district be an organizer only, and that the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary entertaining the Convention aid the District Organizer in arranging the programme for District Convention.

6. That as soon as a new Organizer is appointed the name and address be sent to the Branch Cor.-Sec., also to the Conference Organizer by the Secretary of the Convention.

7. District officers shall be elected at their District Conventions. If no Convention has been held they shall be elected at the Branch meeting by the delegates present from the District and the Branch Executives, the term of office in either case to be from Branch meeting to Branch meeting.

8. The Conference Organizer shall be elected by the District Organizers and Branch Executive at the Branch meeting.

9. That all the privileges of District Conventions be open to every Auxiliary member on the District, and to the members of Circles and Bands.

10. That the finances of the District be left to the management of the officers of the District.

11. That District Organizers apply to the Corresponding Secretary for the literature needed for their work.

It was decided that each Auxiliary be responsible for the representation of the W. M. S. work before the Leagues in their respective churches at least once a year, the District Organizer being responsible where the Auxiliary exists.

The closing evening session was given up to the Mission Bands, members of which provided a choir and choice programme. The Band Secretary, Miss McGeary, spoke enthusiastically of the work of the young people. Mrs. John Crowe, Guelph, gave an interesting account of the habits and religion of the French-Canadians.

The invitation to hold next year's meeting at Brantford was accepted.

The prize banner was presented to the Guelph Band.

An additional banner was provided for, to be competed for by Bands only. The officers for the incoming year are :

<i>President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson, Box 162, Elora.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. J. D. Phelps, Mohawk P.O.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Mitchell, Georgetown.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Gavfer, Hamilton.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - - -	Mrs. C. Hardy, 59 Young St., Hamilton.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - -	Mrs. J. E. Millar, Drawer 98, Brantford.
<i>Mission Band Secretary</i>	- - - -	Miss McGeary, 140 Park Ave., "
<i>Conference Organizer</i>	- - - -	Miss E. S. Barker, Box 4, Guelph.
<i>Superintendent of Systematic Giving</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Dr.) Mills, O. A. College, Guelph.
<i>Auditor</i>	- - - -	Mr. Schell, Brantford.
<i>Delegates to Board</i>	- - - -	{ Mesdames Charlton, Delhi; Gayfer, Hamilton; Millar, Brantford; Mitchell, Georgetown.
<i>Alternates</i>	- - - -	{ Miss McGeary, Brantford; Mrs. Ryan, Guelph.

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DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

<i>Hamilton</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Hamilton.
<i>Guelph</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Barker, Box 4, Guelph.
<i>St. Catharines</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. (Rev.) James Goodwin, Grimsby.
<i>Brantford</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. D. Phelps, Mohawk P.O.
<i>Woodstock</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. James Hoar, Box 193, Woodstock.
<i>Galt</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. (Dr.) Henderson, Berlin.
<i>Simcoe</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. M. Kitchen, Waterford.
<i>Milton</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. E. Hockey, Waterdown.
<i>Welland</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. A. E. Russ, Welland.
<i>Norwich</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. M. Kitchen, Waterford.
<i>Palmerston</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Box 36, Palmerston.
<i>Mount Forest</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Callaway, Mount Forest.
<i>Walkerton</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. R. Seymour, Paisley.
<i>Warton</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. (Rev.) J. Truax, Hepworth.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSION BAND AND CIRCLE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, 1897-98.

It is with grateful heart we review the past year and realize that in every respect our Band and Circle work has maintained a most encouraging aspect. Not only has there been a large increase in membership, but in all phases of the work there is a growing interest, especially along the line of systematic and free-will offerings. The request for an Easter Thank-offering for the Jennie Ford Orphanage, and the touching incidents which led up to it, found a responsive chord in the hearts of all, as the large offering given evidenced.

Many of the Circles and Bands packed large and valuable boxes which, through the medium of the Supply Committee, brought sunshine and comfort into many a home of need and suffering.

We feel that not in vain have been the efforts and successes, even the failures and disappointments of a year of earnest labor. While in some cases wonderful results have followed the efforts of the indefatigable workers and members, until they have mounted as upon the "eagle wings" of success, still all praise and honor is due to those who, struggling under many difficulties, have claimed the promise and received the blessing of those who, though walking—aye; wearily plodding—have not fainted.

As we gather the scattered sheaves, some large, some small, from the harvest field of the year that is past, and present them as an offering of thanks to the Lord of all harvests, we are reminded that it is "not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Number of Bands, 20; number of Circles, 20; total, 40; increase, 3. Number of annual members, 1,303; life-members, 33; total members, 1,336; increase, 200; Easter Thank-offering, \$139.36; total paid Branch Treasurer, \$912.99; Banner Band—Guelph, Norfolk Street (increase, 108).

JEWEL M. MCGEARY, *Mission Band and Circle Cor. Sec.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS,
1897-98.

MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Members.	Amount paid to Branch Treas.
Mission Circles—				
Brantford—Brant Avenue	21	1	22	\$12 75
Brant .....	..	..	..	12 00
Dundas	27	..	27	26 00
Grimsby	23	1	24	12 00
Hamilton—Centenary	104	21	125	94 26
—First	70	4	74	120 19
—Wesley	65	..	65	85 80
Maple Grove (Union Circle) .....	..	..	..	7 00
Jarvis	30	..	30	11 07
† Niagara Falls South	17	..	17	6 05
† Nassagaweya (Ebenezer)	63	..	63	26 78
† Paisley (Victoria Circle)	11	..	11	4 36
† " Pleasant Hour	11	..	11	4 00
Palmerston	60	2	62	40 28
Salem	10	..	10	6 54
St. Catharines—St. Paul Street	30	..	30	56 87
Tilsonburg	31	..	31	26 37
Woodstock—Central	131	2	133	80 00
Wilsonville and Bealton	60	..	60	37 80
West Flamboro'	29	..	29	18 78
Varney	19	..	19	5 85
Mission Bands—				
Carlisle and Kilbride .....	..	..	..	9 05
Copetown	14	..	14	9 89
Dereham Centre .....	..	..	..	0 75
Fergus .....	..	..	..	4 05
* Guelph—Norfolk Street	136	..	136	16 62
Galt .....	..	..	..	23 76
Georgetown	28	..	28	7 07
Hamilton—First	41	..	41	43 88
Harriston	18	..	18	7 69
Mount Forest .....	..	..	..	5 00
† Niagara Falls South	12	..	12	3 00
Norwich	18	..	18	9 30
Oakland	71	2	73	25 31
Old Windham	38	..	38	15 84
Port Dover	50	..	50	13 72
Waterford	18	..	18	7 00
Walkerton	39	..	39	20 00
Woodhouse	8	..	8	2 28
Walsh	29	..	29	6 00
Warton .....	..	..	..	..

Total number Bands and Circles, 40; increase, 3; do., annual members, 1,303; do., life-members, 33; total, 1,336; increase, 200; total paid Branch Treasurer, \$912.99; Easter-offering, \$139.36.

* Banner Band.

† New Circle.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES OF CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Mission Circles—

- Brantford—Brant Avenue . . . Miss Reba Gamble, 193 Brant Avenue, Brantford.
 Brant—Crown Circle Mrs. B. English, Burtch P.O.
 Dundas—Crosby Circle Miss Lizzie Mitson, Dundas.
 Grimsby—Lawrence Circle . . Miss Lillian Hewitt, Grimsby.
 Hamilton—Centenary Miss C. S. Scott, 142 Hannah St. E., Hamilton.
 —First Miss M. Frances Nichols, 1 East Ave. S., Hamilton.
 —Wesley Miss Gertrude Mealey, 31 Erie Ave., Hamilton.
 Jarvis
 Niagara Falls South Miss Lilly Stocks, Niagara Falls South.
 Nassagaweya—Ebenezer . . . Miss Florence Fletcher, Nassagaweya.
 Paisley—Victoria Circle . . . Miss Jean Brunt, Paisley.
 —Pleasant Hour Circle. Miss Prudence Kissack, Paisley.
 Palmerston—Little Flock " Miss Sadie Fasken, Palmerston.
 Salem Miss Lena Robinson, Rockton P.O.
 St. Catharines—St. Paul's . . Miss Sara E. Burgoyne, Drawer 6, St. Catharines.
 Tilsonburg Miss Beatrice Hogarth, Tilsonburg.
 Woodstock Miss L. M. Sandercock, Woodstock.
 Wilsonville and Bealton . . . Miss Bertha Chambers, Wilsonville.
 W. Flambo'o'—Loyal Workers. Miss Addie Jones, West Flamboro'.
 Varney Miss Annie Wilkinson.

Mission Bands—

- Carlisle and Kilbride Miss E. Livingstone, Carlisle.
 Copetown—Happy Hour Ba'd. Miss Lizzie Krouse, Copetown.
 Dereham Centre Miss Mamie Linchberry, Dereham Centre.
 Fergus—Olive Branch Band.. Miss Jennie Sherwood, Fergus.
 Guelph — Willing Helpers,
 Norfolk Street Miss Laura M. Rogers, O. A. C., Guelph.
 Galt—Jennie Ford Band . . . Miss Lilly Shupe, Galt.
 Georgetown—Rosebud Band.. Miss Lena Holmes, Georgetown.
 Hamilton—First Miss Alma Gayfer, 119 Wellington Street South,
 Hamilton.
 Harriston—Pearl Miss. Band.. Miss Esther Howard, Harriston.
 Mount Forest Miss Lela Bready, Mount Forest.
 Niagara Falls South Miss Susie Nickorson, Niagara Falls South.
 Norwich—Happy Workers . . Miss Evelyn Nott, Norwich.
 Oakland—Onward Band . . . Miss Alberta Vivian, Oakland.
 Old Windham—Busy Bees.. Miss Bessie Langs, Lynnville P.O.
 Port Dover—Rising Star . . . Miss Ellen Brock, Port Dover.
 Waterford
 Walkerton Miss E. Royce, Walkerton.
 Woodhouse Miss E. L. Smith, Simcoe.
 Walsh Miss May Carver, Walsh.
 Wiarton Miss Ada M. Killins, Wiarton.

OFFICERS OF THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Acton	Mrs. Thos. Easton	Mrs. H. P. Moore	Mrs. Jas. Brown.
Arthur	" Beer	" A. M. Howson, Box 98	" Green.
Allenford	" (Dr.) R. W. Williams	Miss L. Cartwright, Box 61	Miss Eva Evans.
Brantford, Wellington St.	" Ashbury	Mrs. Chrysler	Mrs. A. Sharp.
Brant Avenue	" (Rev.) Kerby	" J. T. Rose, 25 Palmerston Ave.	" J. R. Kerr.
Colborne Street.	" J. E. Baker	" James Harley, Box 344	Miss Ada Rounds.
Sydenham Street	" Jas. Isaac	" Strachan	Mrs. Scruton.
Burlington	" (Rev.) Elliott	" E. H. Cleaver	" Bowsome.
Beamsville	" Cosens	" A. R. Huston	Miss A. Husser.
Binbrook	" Wintercorbyn	Miss M. L. Henry	Mrs. H. Millar.
Bartonville	" F. Freeburne	Mrs. L. B. Crosthwaite	Mrs. W. S. B. Burkholder.
Beachville .....	.....	.....	.....
Belfountain .....	.....	Miss A. Cairnes, Box 84 .....	.....
Berlin .....	.....	Mrs. J. G. Corless, Box 45	Mrs. J. Hilliker.
Burgessville	Mrs. C. E. Burgess	" Thos. Phipps	Miss Rounds.
Burford	" Lester	Miss M. Millburn, Box 36	" S. J. Evans.
Bright	" (Rev.) J. H. Dyke	Mrs. G. Campbell, Carlisle	Mrs. P. S. Grecn.
Carlisle and Kilbride	" (Rev.) W. Kelly	Miss M. C. Haney	" F. Dennis.
Caistorville	" (Dr.) Haney	Mrs. (Rev.) Livingston	Miss Terryberry.
Caledonia	" W. J. Burch	Miss L. Rinch	" L. Start.
Currie's Crossing	" E. Gracey	Mrs. J. J. Neelin .....	.....
Chesley .....	.....	Miss Fitzgerald .....	.....
Canfield	Mrs. Wm. Thompson .....	.....	.....
Durham .....	.....	Mrs. W. A. Davidson	Mrs. J. H. Bowman.
Dundas	Mrs. H. M. Howard	Miss Eva Collins	" Wilkinson.
Dereham Centre	" (Rev.) Collins .....	.....	.....

Drayton	Mrs. (Rev.) Saunders	Mrs. M. G. Dippel	Mrs. Wm. Brimblecombe.
Dunnville	" T. Drake	" J. A. Cooke, Cedar Street	" R. A. Harrison.
Delhi	" (Rev.) Charlton	" F. Boyce	" Kent.
Elora	" (Rev.) T. W. Jackson	" T. Godfrey	" Stickney.
Ennotville	" J. McCullough	" D. Smith	" Wm. Kerby.
Eastwood	" W. Lazenby	Miss A. Cornwell	Miss Jordon.

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Eastwood	" W. Lazenby	Miss A. Cornwell	Miss Jordon.
Freelton	" A. Hamilton	Mrs. Jos. Sutton	Mrs. M. Binkley.
Fergus	" Harvey	" E. Small, Box 95	" A. Campbell.
Guelph, Norfolk Street	" (Rev.) J. G. Scott	" T. F. Savage, Box 670	Miss H. L. Maddock.
Dublin Street	" E. R. Bollert	Miss L. Rose, Box 25	Mrs. C. W. Kelly.
Grimsby	" Lucas	" C. E. Vahey	" R. Smith.
Galt	" (Rev.) Kettlewell	" J. Wilkins	" J. O. Pickard.
Grand Valley	" (Rev.) Lounds	Mrs. S. Tate	Miss M. Gordon.
Georgetown	" (Rev.) G. A. Mitchell	" J. M. Hutt, Box 292	" A. Lindsay.
Hamilton, Centenary	" (Dr.) Atkinson	" W. A. Robinson, 34 Hannah St. E.	Mrs. W. C. Morton, East Ave. S.
Wesley	" A. D. Martin	" H. A. Martin, 132 Hughson St. N.	" W. J. Waugh.
First Church	" (Rev.) Rutledge	" W. H. Simpson, 99 Grant Ave.	" G. Kappele.
Gore Street	" Serves	" (Rev.) Adams, 50 Gore St.	" E. K. Proctor.
Tabernacle	" Wyng	Miss M. Hope, 38 Pearl St. N.	" Attle.
Hannah Street	" G. W. Carey	Mrs. E. Healey	" G. Clarke.
Barton Street	" (Rev.) Marshall	" Sirman, 43 Little William St	" Burns, 155 Gibson Ave.
Harriston	" (Rev.) Jackson	" W. G. Girvin	" McCracken.
Hanover	" T. L. Wilkinson	" H. H. Millar, Box 28	" H. Wisler.
Hepworth	" Truax	" R. Murdock	" Stade.
Ingersoll, King Street	" R. Kneeshaw	" J. A. Williams	Miss Stinson.
Charles Street	" Wm. Bell	" Atkins	Mrs. Forman.
Jarvis	" (Rev.) Boyd	" Geo. Honey	" Rodgers.
Jerseyville	" McCartney	" E. L. Swartz	" I. R. Howell.
Ker	" J. Wilde	Miss A. Edmond, Woodburn	Miss J. Snyder.
Little Lake	" P. Winskel	Mrs. Wm. Jull, Ranelagh	Mrs. J. Rittenburg.
Lynnville	" W. Axford	Miss A. Axford	Miss A. Axford.
Louth and Grantham	" (Rev.) Archer	" H. E. Parnell, St. Catharines	Mrs. E. Wismer.
Milton	" Jas. Hollinrake	" E. E. Harrison	" Inman.
Moote's Appointment			
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Porter	Mrs. J. D. Phelps	Mrs. J. McIntyre.

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Mount Forest	Mrs. (Rev.) Williamson	Mrs. G. R. Gilroy	Mrs. J. W. Tanner.
Millgrove	" A. Dymont	Miss M. Pearson	" J. Borer.
Niagara Falls	" Shilton	Mrs. (Dr.) Kellam, Box 132	" J. Moll.
Niagara Falls South	" R. Fralick	" Lewis, Niagara Falls Centre	Miss S. M. Kelly.
Norwich	" (Rev.) Walker	" T. Dunkin	Mrs. Vardon.
Oakville	" C. W. Coote	Miss M. E. Jefferis	Miss Wass.
Oakland .....			.....
Old Windham	Mrs. H. A. Collver	Miss M. L. Collver, Box 195, Simcoe ..	Mrs. T. Hambly.
Paris	" Hammond	" A. E. Nelles	" J. S. Brown.
Port Dover	Miss B. Ellis	" B. Tupper	" E. Bagley.
Paisley	Mrs. (Rev.) A. Potter	Mrs. Robt. Scott	" Kirke.
Palmerston	" Faskin	" J. R. Hamilton	Miss Kearns.
Princeton	" G. Carpenter	" Staples, Box 72	Mrs. Staples.
Rockwood	" (Rev.) Holden	" Geo. Clarkson	Miss M. Hill.
Ridgeway	" Brewster	Miss H. S. Box	" P. A. Sherk.
Simcoe	" M. A. Woolley	Mrs. G. J. Green	Mrs. D. Dell.
Stony Creek	" J. McNeilly	Miss M. H. Hill	" Chas. Pettit.
Salford	" (Rev.) Kennedy	Mrs. W. R. Newton	" A. J. Stevens.
St. Catharines, St. Paul St. .	" B. C. Fairfield	" F. Killmer	" T. W. Jackson.
Welland Ave.	" Smythes	" Taylor, 298 York Street	" McGibbon.
St. George .....			.....
Thorold	Mrs. Jas. Millar	Mrs. M. Millar, Box 124	Mrs. B. Ball.
Tilsonburg	Miss A. McDowell	" J. Chapman	Miss C. Betts.
Tintern	Mrs. J. Linderberry	Miss S. J. Funk	" E. Hoffman.
Teeterville	" Wm. Bartholomew	" B. Horning, Vanessa	Mrs. Wm. Church.
Tapleystown	" E. Bouslaugh	Mrs. W. Buckbee	" E. Bouslaugh, Grimsby.

Waterdown	Mrs. (Rev.) Hockey	Mrs. J. A. Truman	Mrs. Slater.
Waterford	" E. H. Lundy	Miss M. A. Garnett	" W. C. Lundy.
Woodstock, Central Church. .	" H. I. Clarkson	Mrs. R. T. Crawford, 338 Dundas St. .	Miss Cummings.
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Welland	Mrs. M. Vanderburg	Mrs. P. McKinlay	Mrs. S. Young.
Walkerton	" D. A. Moir	" Wiles	" Huether.

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Walkerton	" D. A. Moir	" Wiles	" Huether.
West Flamboro'	" R. L. Briggs, Christie.	" Wesley Betzner, Christie P.O.	Miss R. Betzner.
Wesley	" H. Stephens	Miss E. Pickering	Mrs. D. Turner.
Woodhouse	" W. V. Collver	Mrs. E. L. Smith, Box 30, Simcoe	" A. W. Smith.
Wilsonville and Bealton	" S. B. Nelles	Miss C. Skinner, Wilsonville	" W. F. Wilson.
Zion (Alma Circuit)	" E. Green	Mrs. H. O. Gillrie	" F. Stubbs.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The year just closed has been one of slow though steady growth. The work of the Auxiliaries seems principally to have been exercised in obtaining and imparting information about missions, and the result has been greater interest and more largely attended meetings.

The Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving is winning its way among our members, and we are hoping for a large increase during the coming year of those who realize their duty and privilege in this way.

Our Branch has been highly favored during the year, as not less than four ladies have offered themselves as candidates for missionary work.

Miss Elliott, from Queen Street Church, Toronto, was accepted by the Board, and is now at work at Port Simpson, B.C.

Miss Wiggins, of Carlton Street Church, was accepted by the Board, and is now filling a position for the General Society at the Brandon Institute, Manitoba.

Miss Henry, M.D., of Markdale, is ready to go to China to help in our medical work in Chentu.

Miss Brimstin, of Carlton Street Church, is also an accepted candidate for China, for which she is now preparing.

New Auxiliaries have been organized at Woodgreen Tabernacle, Toronto, Elmvale, Mulmur and Harkaway.

Three Auxiliaries having disbanded we have only a net increase of one Auxiliary.

Number of Auxiliaries	78	Increase, 1
Annual members	2,090	" 59
Life-members	217	" 11
Total membership	2,307	" 70
Mission Bands and Circles	32	" 6
Members	782	" 114
Amount raised by Auxiliaries and Bands	\$5,365 85	
Total gross income	5,774 28	
Remitted to General Treasurer	5,456 22	
Easter Offering	1,037 99	

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ANNUAL MEETING TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

The fifth annual meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch was held in Orangeville, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1898, the President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, in the chair. Eighty-five delegates were in attendance.

The President, in an informal talk, dwelt upon the necessity for heart-searching, earnest prayer, that we may get into sympathy with the mind of Christ in His intense desire to save a lost world. Mrs. Carman took charge of a very delightful "in memoriam and consecration service," the roll being called for twenty-seven members who have ceased from work here. This session closed with the administration of the sacrament by Rev. Alexander Langford, who also presided at the evening meeting and welcomed the delegates.

Rev. Dr. Henderson, Associate Missionary Secretary, did us good service by a powerful and convincing appeal for the continuance of our work in the homes and institutes already established by the Woman's Missionary Society. He emphasized also the crying need for more well-equipped hospitals.

An interesting feature of the devotional exercises of each session was the specific definite prayer for one department of our work, and its individual workers.

Mrs. E. A. Chown's report from the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving was encouraging. Excellent papers were given on "Auxiliaries," "Enthusiasm," "Information," "Offerings," "Unction" and "Weights."

The report of the Mission Band Corresponding Secretary was gratifying. A beautiful prize banner was won by the Barrie Mission Circle for the largest increase in members. Mrs. Geo. Browne gave an impressive "Heart Talk to Young People." Mrs. Thos. Crosby addressed one of the evening meetings, describing in a most interesting manner the work in which she has so ably assisted her husband at Port Simpson.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, which were carried:

1. "That each Auxiliary send to Branch Corresponding Secretary, by March 15th, a detailed statement of the work as compared with former years."
 2. "That Treasurers of Circles and Bands report quarterly to the Treasurer of Auxiliary, and in case there is no Auxiliary, to the Branch Treasurer."
 3. "That the financial year of our W. M. S. end May 15th; that we memorialize the Board to that effect."
 4. "That we express our thanks to the Epworth Leagues, who have so generously assisted us, and trust that their helpful interest in our work may be continued."
 5. "That we place on record our appreciation of the loving service rendered by Miss Ogden and Miss MacCallum."
 6. "That we desire to convey our loving sympathy to Mrs. Ross, President of the Board, and to Mrs. Williams, our Honorary President, praying God to strengthen and sustain them by His grace and His blessed word (Job xiii. 15; Isa. xliii. 2)."
 7. "That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the pastor of the church, to the trustees, to the choir, to the Hospitality Committee, and to the ladies who have so kindly entertained the delegates."
- "Review and Preview" closed a very helpful series of meetings. Points in reference to our work in the past were briefly touched upon, and three thoughts given for future consideration—"Personal Responsibility," "Personal Influence," "Giving Ourselves."

BY-LAWS OF TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

1. The election of officers in Auxiliaries, and of delegates to the Branch meeting, shall be by ballot, without nomination, and a majority vote be required.

2. That in the case of new Auxiliaries organized late in the year, the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary be instructed to mention the organization of Auxiliary, with the money that has been sent, without stating the number of names.

3. That Auxiliaries provide for the expenses of their delegates to the Branch meeting. The Auxiliary Treasurer, in making returns to the Branch Treasurer, shall state the net sum received and the amount paid for delegates' expenses, and transmit the balance to the Branch Treasurer. The Branch Treasurer, in preparing her report, shall credit the Auxiliaries with the full amount of their contributions and charge the expenses of the delegates to the General Fund.

4. That reports of Auxiliaries be given by the District Organizer at the Branch meeting, five minutes to be allowed for each district.

5. That District Organizers be under the direction of the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

6. That Branch Officers and District Organizers send in a statement of their expenses before September 15th of each year.

7. That District Organizers be *ex-officio* members of the Branch meeting and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid by the Branch Treasurer.

8. That in order to save expense, a District Organizer may arrange with someone more conveniently situated to organize an Auxiliary.

9. That in every district where practicable a convention be held each year. Where desirable, organizers of adjoining districts may arrange for union conventions.

10. That all the privileges of the convention be open to all members of Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, Bands and Epworth Leagues on the District.

11. That a collection be taken at the District Convention which shall be applied to the expenses of the convention, any surplus to go to the local Auxiliary.

12. That the District Organizer be nominated by ballot, without debate, at the District Convention; in the absence of such convention, that the nominations be made by the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

The officers elected are :

<i>Honorary President</i>	Mrs. J. A. Williams, Richmond Hill.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. J. B. Willmott, 50 Bond St., Toronto.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Alex. Langford, Orangeville.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland, 560 Church St., Toronto.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Geo. Browne, 307 Markham St., Toronto.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. N. A. Powell, 167 College St., Toronto.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ..	Mrs. W. Briggs, 21 Grenville St., Toronto.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. W. W. Ogden, 184 Spadina Ave.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Mrs. Jas. Hales, 4 St. James Ave.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mr. Davey.
<i>Supt. Proportionate Giving.</i>	Mrs. E. A. Chown, 61 Madison Ave., Toronto.

ORGANIZERS.

<i>Uxbridge</i>	Mrs. D. F. Gee, Markham.
<i>Owen Sound</i>	Mrs. Bolaod, Markdale.
<i>Bracebridge</i>	Mrs. Groves, Gravenhurst.
<i>Brampton</i>	Mrs. Cheyne, Brampton.

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COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, 1898.	Increase.	Life-members, 1898.	No. of Meetings Held.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas- urer.
Toronto East District—						
Metropolitan	73	..	27	11	41	\$641 75
Berkeley Street	42	1	10	12	11	105 40
Sherbourne Street	87	..	13	10	..	191 36
Carlton Street	40	1	17	14	19	249 22
Central	54	..	18	15	16	216 38
Parliament Street	40	2	..	12	28	77 99
King Street	14	..	..	13	9	12 60
Woodgreen Tabernacle	13	..	..	2	..	8 50
Gerrard Street	16	1	1	12	12	40 74
Scarboro'	10	1	..	12	8	16 00
Toronto Central District—						
Elm Street	31	3	8	12	16	94 49
Queen Street	83	..	9	14	40	250 60
Broadway Tabernacle	81	8	13	12	35	149 00
New Richmond	27	..	3	10	14	125 70
St. Paul's	44	..	1	11	25	68 57
Yonge Street	52	..	12	10	18	105 02
Eglinton	32	3	9	12	13	137 63
Victoria Square	6	..	..	14	7	24 40
Richmond Hill	32	..	..	12	13	55 12
Maple	27	9	..	11	12	51 25
Toronto West District—						
Trinity	49	2	12	12	28	139 56
Euclid Avenue	29	..	..	11	14	59 30
Wesley Church	70	17	4	13	25	125 74
Parkdale	72	5	11	..	..	209 43
Bathurst Street	30	..	6	13	13	81 77
Toronto Junction	24	..	4	14	12	45 04
St. Alban's	35	1	1	12	16	51 81
Crawford Street	12	..	..	9	9	15 71
St. Clarens Avenue	15	..	1	9	8	38 57
Brampton District—						
Brampton—Grace Church	35	..	7	10	12	156 98
—St. Paul's	23	..	..	10	15	71 65
Streetsville	21	..	..	..	7	16 50
Bolton	51	1	1	13	16	100 01
Inglewood	16	3	1	11	8	21 93
Cooksville	22	..	..	11	13	14 29

COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, 1898.	Increase.	Life-members, 1898.	No. of Meetings Held.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas- urer.
Bradford District—						
Newmarket	24	..	..	10	18	\$42 96
Bradford	24	..	..	..	8	52 02
Alliston	27	2	1	11	16	55 84
Beeton	14	1	1	12	8	17 00
Tottenham	16	..	1	8	7	20 15
Schomberg	15	..	3	11	10	21 35
Aurora	41	..	1	11	11	50 71
Thompsonville	15	..	..	12	5	21 92
Newton-Robinson	18	..	..	10	9	31 77
King	24	10	..	14	20	40 00
Thornton	18	..	..	..	..	26 50
Cookstown	17	8	1	13	8	25 05
Queensville	6	..	..	..	..	8 50
Orangeville District—						
Orangeville	32	7	..	12	21	52 95
Whittington	10	10	..	10	9	10 75
Mulmur .....	..	..	..	..	..	....
Barrie District—						
Barrie	36	..	2	..	..	150 11
Orillia	26	..	..	12	13	84 31
Penetanguishene	8	..	..	..	..	7 75
Elmvale .....	..	..	..	..	..	....
Collingwood District—						
Collingwood	42	..	2	12	26	65 29
Thornbury	15	..	2	11	8	25 79
Creemore	19	2	..	11	6	19 45
Meaford	15	..	1	10	7	27 16
Bracebridge District—						
Bracebridge	15	2	1	14	9	42 79
Gravenhurst	9	..	1	12	7	54 60
Huntsville	19	..	..	..	..	23 40
Uxbridge District—						
Uxbridge	30	..	1	12	15	81 36
Markham	15	1	..	17	9	50 62
Stouffville	27	3	4	13	15	80 40
Unionville	11	11	5	24 16

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COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
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Uxbridge District—Continued.						
Mount Albert	17	13	7	\$22 00
Goodwood	20	1	..	7	9	27 41
Sandford	18	..	1	12	8	54 26
Locust Hill	23	4	..	14	16	35 05
Bethesda	17	19 65
Owen Sound District—						
Owen Sound	19	2	1	14	12	65 00
Markdale	17	16	8	31 13
Flesherton	14	13	8	40 35
Rocklyn	15	12	11	28 57
Holland Centre	7 30
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Algoma District—						
Sault Ste. Marie	19	..	3	14	15	67 27
Parry Sound District—						
Parry Sound	15	..	1	9	7	30 31
Total	2090	..	217	\$5,365 85

TREASURER'S REPORT, TORONTO BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance Cash on hand, September 28th, 1897.....	\$51 44
Total from Auxiliaries, Bands, etc	5,412 07
Mission Bands and Circles, remitted direct to Treasurer.	\$80 14
Epworth Leagues, " " "	144 05
Sabbath Schools, " " "	8 00
Donations, " " "	64 25
Collection at Branch Meeting	6 78
Bank Interest	1 25
Mrs. Hales, Supply Committee Reports	6 30
	310 77
Total Gross Income	\$5,774 28

EXPENDITURE.

(According to resolution of the Board, only the total of expenditure is given.) Officers, Organizers and Delegates' fares to Branch meeting, printing, postage, stationery, literature, supplies, etc..

	\$229 15
Net Income	\$5,545 13
Remitted to General Treasurer, 1st Quarter	\$975 00
" " " 2nd "	975 00
" " " 3rd "	1,750 00
" " " 4th "	1,756 22
Balance on hand, Sept. 28th, 1898	88 91
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ELIZABETH P. OGDEN,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct. Vouchers produced for payments made.
September 28th, 1898. JAMES DAVEY, *Auditor.*

SUMS RECEIVED AFTER THE BOOKS WERE AUDITED AND
REMITTED TO GENERAL TREASURER.

Bradford Auxiliary	\$6 42
Collingwood	25 00
Mount Albert	9 25
Metropolitan Epworth League, second remittance	5 55
Sherbourne Street Epworth League	100 00
Fred. G. Crosby, Wisconsin, per Mrs. H. A. Crosby.....	30 00
	\$176 22

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RECEIPTS FROM EPWORTH LEAGUES.

Eglinton	\$3 58
Orangeville	10 00
Owen Sound	10 00
Toronto—Carlton Street	60 00
" Euclid Avenue	20 00
" Metropolitan (\$90.01 ; Junior League, 35.00)	125 01
" New Richmond	25 00
" Trinity	2 00
" Yonge Street	14 67
" Sherbourne Street	100 00
Glen Huron	0 50
Toronto Junction—Annette Street	8 55
Woodgreen	35 00
Total from Epworth Leagues	\$414 31

RECEIPTS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Parry Sound	\$4 76
Toronto—Bathurst Street	1 00
" Euclid Avenue (Infant Class)	3 50
" Parliament Street	11 50
Macville	8 00
Total from Sunday Schools	\$28 76

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual Members' Fees	\$2,009 15
Life-members' Fees	425 00
Public meetings	492 02
Mite-boxes	174 21
Donations and Thank-offerings	1,446 94
Bequests	1 00
Scattered Helpers	26 85
Easter Offering	1,037 99
Mission Bands and Circles	477 54
Epworth Leagues	414 31
Sunday Schools	28 76
Other sources	251 88
Total	\$5,598 06

LIFE-MEMBERS, TORONTO BRANCH.

- Alliston*—Mrs. G. P. McKay.
Aurora—Mrs. Broad.
Beeton—Mrs. Rusdon.
Brampton—Mesdames Gardiner, Duggan, Neelands, Aikins, (Rev.) G. Bishop ; Misses Neelands, M. W. Bishop.
Bracebridge—Mrs. J. W. Bettes.
Cookstown—Mrs. (Rev.) Simpson.
Collingwood—Mesdames H. Birnie, W. Williams.
Eglinton—Mesdames R. Jones, Wm. Jackes, McKee ; Misses Roach, Jones, A. Jackes, Moore, E. Roach. Rev. Mr. Roach.
Gravenhurst—Mrs. Groves.
Inglewood—Mrs. Washington.
Meaford—Mrs. (Rev.) I. Baker.
Owen Sound—Mrs. R. B. Miller.
Sault Ste. Marie—Mesdames Skewes, Manning ; Miss Winnie Westcott.
Schomberg—Mesdames Walker, Pearson ; Miss Davis.
Stouffville—Mesdames Brown, Johnson, Kent, Truman.
Thornbury—Mrs. Hurlburt, Miss Stevenson.
Tottenham—Mrs. Totten.
Toronto, Bathurst Street—Mesdames G. Browne, J. H. Starr, Pollock ; Misses E. Lawson, Olive Lee.
Toronto, Berkeley Street—Mesdames W. S. Blackstock, Ockley, Ball, E. Coatsworth, E. Coatsworth, jun., Lumsden, W. C. Wilkinson, Kilborn, Medcalf ; Miss Storm.
Toronto, Broadway Tabernacle—Mesdames Gundy, Milburn, Campbell, Pearse, Waddell, Ruse, Gray, Douglas, Byrne, Casson, Bowerman ; Misses Pringle, K. Large.
Toronto, Carlton Street—Mesdames T. Thompson, U. Ogden, H. Gooderham, Hough, J. Lawson, Tackaberry, F. Walker, R. I. Walker, B. Thompson, Boyes, Carman ; Misses Bigelow, Clark, McCallum, Somerset, Ogden.
Toronto, Central Church—Mesdames D. G. Sutherland, Maxwell, G. J. Bishop, Sanders, T. H. Bull, Blight, Trick, Brett, Orr, W. E. H. Massey, Self, G. M. Lee ; Misses Self, M. Bishop, Clara Sutherland, May Sutherland, M. McLean, J. MacCallum.
Toronto, Elm Street—Mesdames (Rev.) J. F. German, McGee, Jennings, Parker, Forbes, Tucker, Hanna ; Miss E. A. Wilson.
Toronto, Gerrard Street—Mrs. A. B. Chambers.
Toronto, Toronto Junction—Mesdames A. H. Fennell, C. K. Burt, Wm. Hepinstall, J. Large.
Toronto, Metropolitan—Mesdames J. B. Willmott, W. T. Aikins, Austin, Butt, E. Bull, Fulton, W. S. Finch, E. Gurney, Dawson Kerr, G. Kerr, Lauder, H. A. Massey, C. D. Massey, J. J. Maclaren, Magurn, W. H. Pearson, J. Segsworth, J. M. Treble, R. Wilkes, J. A. Williams, Bowles, Langs, Pearce ; Misses M. Wilkes, McGuffin, A. J. Johnston, L. Kennedy.
Toronto, New Richmond—Mesdames Henderson, Tallmadge.

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Toronto, Parkdale—Mesdames Bascom, Clement, Cullen, McGill, Hamilton, E. A. Stevens, Fish, Chadwick, Sing, Fountain, Gray; Miss Le Page.

Toronto, Queen Street—Mesdames W. W. Ogden, E. Leadley, J. Price, G. Willcock, J. Baxter, J. J. Williams, Hincks, S. M. Hay; Miss Edna Price.

Toronto, Sherbourne Street—Mesdames Barnett, Wickett, Ross, R. Brown, Zeigler, Fudger, Gooderham, Gray, Sutherland, Flavelle; Misses M. Jeffrey, Ellis.

Toronto, St Clarens Avenue—Mrs. McKinley.

Toronto, St. Paul's—Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Toronto, Trinity—Mesdames Shore, E. A. Chown, Galley, Archibald, Wallace, Peterson, Philp, Dignum, W. G. Smith, Cheyne, Tovell; Miss E. J. Galley.

Toronto, Wesley Church—Mesdames W. Burns, J. Ward, Rogers, McGurn.

Toronto, Yonge Street—Mesdames J. Macdonald, Graham, Lewis, Morrow, Grant, McKillop, Patterson, Calvert, Parker, Holmes; Misses McMichael, Legg, Macdonald.

Uxbridge—Mrs. H. A. Crosby.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Asbury Church, Easter Offering	\$6 50
Parkdale Mission Band, support of orphan in Jennie Ford Home ...	25 00
Mrs. Love, Port Sandfield, Jennie Ford Home.....	2 75
Carlton Street Epworth League, Mrs. Raley's Home, B.C.	60 00
Orillia Auxiliary, native Bible-woman in Japan ..	50 00
Woodford Mission Circle, Indian Missions in B. C. or North-West....	5 00
St. Alban's Auxiliary, Mite-box money for Jennie Ford Home.....	12 64
Toronto Junction, Annette Street Epworth League, Jennie Ford Home	8 55
Mrs. H. A. Drummond, Crosby Girls' Home.....	10 00
Miss E. Drummond " " "	10 00
In memory of Hazel Pearen " "	5 00
Metropolitan Junior League, Bible-woman in Japan.....	35 00
Macville Sunday School, Chinese Home, B. C.	8 00
New Richmond Junior League, support of Indian girl at Port Simpson	25 00
Yonge Street Junior League, cot in Dr. Kilborn's Hospital	12 00
Owen Sound, Retta Gifford Mission Band, Jennie Ford Orphanage....	5 00
Fred. G. Crosby, Wisconsin, per Mrs. H. A. Crosby. Uxbridge, native Bible-woman in Japan	30 00
Collingwood Auxiliary, for Rescue Home	8 00
Carlton Street Auxiliary, Mrs. U. Ogden, in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. MacCallum.....	50 00

Carlton Street Auxiliary,	Mrs. W. Briggs	\$6 00
"	Mrs. Hough	2 60
"	Mrs. J. C. Aikins	2 00
"	Miss Somerset	2 00
Metropolitan Auxiliary,	Mrs. H. A. Massey	50 00
"	Mrs. J. M. Treble	25 00
"	Mrs. E. Gurney	10 00
"	Mrs. G. Kerr	10 00
"	Mrs. H. E. Clarke	6 00
"	Mrs. W. H. Pearson	5 00
"	Mrs. R. A. Wood	5 00
"	Mrs. A. R. Clarke	5 00
"	Mrs. W. E. Willmott	5 00
"	Mrs. R. A. Reeve	4 00
"	Miss Wilkes	5 00
"	Miss K. Mason	5 00
"	Mrs. J. B. Willmott	25 00
"	Mrs. Chester Massey	25 00

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

PLACE.	NAME OF BAND.	No. of Mem- bers.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Alliston	Daughters of Zion	12	6	..	\$8 68
†Aurora	Busy Bees . . . . .	..	..	..	..
Barrie	Gleaners Circle	34	..	3	85 10
"	Binders Band	30	20	..	13 31
*Bracebridge	Onward Circle	4	..	..	1 25
Brampton—Grace Church	Sunbeams	55	11	..	38 43
"	Gardiner Circle	19	..	13	29 66
— St. Paul's Church	Light-Bearers	94	20	..	40 50
Eglinton	Eglinton Band	42	12	..	23 73
Flesherton	Busy Bees	56	19	..	13 03
Gravenhurst	Sunshine Circle	10	..	..	23 80
*Gravenhurst	Rose-Bud	53	..	..	7 81
Huntsville	Wayside Gleaners	13	..	2	9 60
*Huntsville	Huntsville Band	19	..	..	..
Markdale	Edwards	56	..	5	10 92
Markham	Self-Denial	21	..	7	19 86
Mimico	Help a Little	18	5	..	4 30
*Meaford	Willing Workers . . . . .	..	..	..	..
Newmarket	Buds of Promise . . . . .	..	..	..	..
Owen Sound	Retta Gifford	22	1	..	16 25
Parry Sound . . . . .	.. . . . .	..	..	..	3 15
Stouffville	Light-Bearers	42	..	3	8 46
Toronto—Carlton Street	Daughters of Comfort	12	..	..	15 76
—*Central	Central Workers	41	..	..	4 15
—Parkdale	Sunbeam Circle	47	13	..	35 53
—*Parkdale	Loving Workers	18	..	..	29 08
—†Parkdale	Scattered Workers . . . . .	..	..	..	..
*Thornbury	Maple	20	..	..	2 95
*Uffington	Buds of Promise	22	..	..	..
Uxbridge	Steinhauer Circle	32	1	..	40 00
"	Cheerful Givers	20	15	..	2 00
Woodford	Woodford Circle	15	2	..	14 46
Total . . . . .	.. . . . .	..	..	..	..

* New Band.

† Disbanded.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

Aurora—(1896) Miss Parlee—1.

Barrie—(1892) Mrs. C. Harrison—1.

Brampton, Grace Church—“Sunbeams”—(1892) Misses Flossie Chapman, Edith Brown, Mr. Bertram Eaton; (1893) Mrs. Eaton, Miss C. Neelands, H. Baskerville, Broddy Duggan; (1894) Charlie Duggan; (1898) Mrs. Hardy, Miss Carrie Lanceley, Miss Dorothy Duggan—11.

Brampton, St. Paul's Church—“Light Bearers”—(1892) Miss Sutcliffe, Mrs. Calbie, Miss Alexander, Miss Maud Alexander, Mr. Ronald Starr, Mr. Charlie Starr; (1893) Miss Bell, Miss E. Colvin, Mr. Edgar Alexander, Mr. James Alexander; (1894) Miss Marshall, Miss Helen B. Smith; (1897) Miss Minnie Sanderson; (1898) Mr. Stanley Alexander—14.

Eglinton—(1894) Mr. H. H. Duke; (1895) Mrs. German, Mr. Horn; (1898) Miss Ada Jackes—4.

Owen Sound—(1896) Miss Edith Brown—1.

Toronto, Elm Street—(1896) Mrs. Powell, Miss Jennie Aikenhead—2.

Toronto, Metropolitan—(1892) Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Mrs. W. E. Willmott, Misses M. Wilkes, McGuffin, Drummond, Harrington, F. Segsworth, E. Segsworth, Hooker, A. L. Hooker; Mrs. Anger, Miss Sutherland (New York), Miss M. L. Sutherland (New York), Miss Bertha M. Shoults, Dr. D. W. Stevenson (China), Dr. W. E. Willmott, S. R. Hanna, P. A. Onderkirk; (1893) Misses Hatton, Aggie Hatton, E. Faragher, A. Ward; (1894) Miss Massey; (1895) Master Leslie E. Willmott—24.

Toronto, Carlton Street—“Daughters of Comfort”—Miss Ogden—1.

Toronto, Parkdale—Master Edwin Scott, Mrs. Rogers; (1898) Master Melville Rankin—3.

Uxbridge—“Steinhauer”—Mrs. Bascom—1.

Total, 63.

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REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF MISSION
BANDS, 1898.

It is with great pleasure your Secretary presents this annual report, because the work has been so encouraging. Although two Bands have discontinued their meetings eight new ones have been organized. We now have thirty-two Bands—an increase of six. The membership is 782—an increase of 114. Many of the Bands also report an increase of spirituality in the members, due no doubt to the faithful, prayerful efforts of Band leaders.

It will pay to take time to educate our young people along missionary lines. A missionary education is of necessity a spiritual education, because they are taught that important lesson of service for others which Christ so often impressed upon His disciples.

We rejoice to know that Epworth Leagues are paying such close attention to missionary work.

Although most of the Leagues are co-operating with the Students' Forward Movement, yet many of them send a share of their missionary givings to the Woman's Missionary Society. For this we ask them to accept our sincere thanks.

It would take too long to mention in detail all the various kinds of work performed by our Mission Bands. Autograph and Scripture quilts have been made and sold; warm quilts and articles of clothing have been sent to mission fields. In one case a Band of boys and girls undertook to cloth a missionary baby.

An extract from one of the reports will give an idea of the work done in many Bands:

"Our programmes consisted of missionary readings by the young folks, our president or some other of the older ones giving missionary information, more particularly about our own Woman's Missionary Society work. Our meetings are always opened and closed with devotional exercises. The last half-hour is usually spent in sewing and cutting out mottoes in colored paper."

These mottoes are sent with useful clothing to mission fields.

Many of our young people take quite an interest in their little missionary paper, *The Palm Branch*. It would be gratifying to know that *The Palm Branch* had a place in every home where there are children.

Let us never forget to pray that the missionary spirit may sink deep into the hearts of our young people.

MARION HALES, Cor. Sec.

NAMES OF PRESIDENTS AND COR. SECRETARIES OF
MISSION BANDS AND CIRCLES.

PLACE.	NAME OF CIRCLE OR BAND.	PRESIDENT.	COR. SECRETARY.
Alliston	Daughters of Zion ..	Miss Gordon	Miss Elsie Gilroy.
Barrie	Gleaners Circle. ...	" Cross	" Ida King.
"	Binders Band	" Lena Rankin ..	" A. Williamson.
Brampton—			" Aggie Taylor.
Grace Church.	Sunbeams	Mrs. Geo. Bishop....	" Jean Cheyne.
"	Gardiner Circle....	Miss Harrison	" E. Marshall.
St. Paul's....	Light Bearers	Mrs. J. L. Stork	" Fannie Archer
Bracebridge....	Onward	Miss Gertie McCready	" Eva Dixon.
Eglinton	Eglinton Band	Mrs. Locke	" Lizzie Waller.
Flesherton	Busy Bee	" Thurston	" J. Campbell.
Gravenhurst ..	Sunshine Circle....	Miss R. Harvie	" Hilda Wilson.
"	Rose Bud	Mrs. J. Groves....	" Agnes Madill.
Huntsville	Wayside Gleaners.	Miss Mary E. Bray..	Mrs. S. A. Randleson
"	Huntsville Band ..	.....	Mr. W. Madden.
Meaford	Willing Workers ..	Mrs. S. Huff	Miss Elsie Boland.
Markdale	Edwards	Miss N. Armstrong..	" M. Pringle.
Markham	Self-Denial	Mrs. McGaw	" May Pretty.
Mimico	Help a Little	Miss Parker	" P. Millard.
Newmarket....	Buds of Promise ..	Mrs. E. Jackson	" Isabel Hall.
Owen Sound ..	Retta Gifford	" A. Frost	Mr. W. Farrer.
Parry Sound ..	Parry Sound Circle.	.....	Mr. E. G. Sanders.
Stouffville	Light Bearers	Miss Stevenson.....	Miss R. Lougheed.
Thorobury	The Maple	" Lyne	
Toronto—			
Bloor Street..	Central Workers ..	Mrs. Ellis	Mrs. T. W. Self.
Cariton Street	Dau'trs of Comfort.	Miss Ogden	Miss Tipling.
Parkdale	Sunbeam Circle....	Mrs. Hamilton	Mr. Charlie Millar.
"	Loving Workers ..	" Bascom	Miss H. Rutherford.
Uffington	Buds of Promise ..	" A. T. Ingram ..	Mr. Geo. Spence.
Uxbridge	Steinhauer Circle..	Miss Barr	Miss E. Sanderson.
"	Cheerful Givers ..	Mrs. H. A. Crosby ..	" C. Beswick.
Woodford	Woodford Circle ..	Miss Rogers	" Susie Luton.

OFFICERS OF TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1898-99.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Alliston	Mrs. G. P. McKay	Mrs. W. G. Fisher	Mrs. J. R. Hipwell.
Aurora	" McDowell	Miss Norman	" Clubine.
Barrie	" W. Sargeant	Mrs. Lower	" J. Edwards.
Beeton	" Rusdon	Miss M. Cross	Miss M. Wallwin.
Bethesda		Mrs. D. Pretty	
Bradford	Mrs. G. M. Brown	Miss C. Duffill	Miss B. Campbell.
Bolton	" (Rev.) Long	Mrs. C. M. Hodson	" S. Watson.
Brampton, St. Paul's	" W. Herridge	" J. McBride	Mrs. Woods.
" Grace Church	" Cheyne	" Oliver	" Tye.
Bracebridge	" J. W. Bettes	" J. R. Higgins	" Jas. Boyer.
Cookstown	" T. Pascoe	" W. J. Eby	Miss K. Banting.
Cooksville	" Oliver	Miss McClelland	Mrs. Dunton.
Collingwood	" W. T. Toner	Mrs. D. Williams, sen.	" H. T. Telfer.
Creemore	" (Rev.) Bedford	" J. J. Kitson	" Plewis.
Eglinton	" (Rev.) J. H. Locke	Miss C. Moore	" W. Moore.
Elmvale	" Geo. Smith	Mrs. F. L. Brown	" Geo. Usher.
Flesherton	Mrs. Thurston	Mrs. Wm. Trimble	Mrs. W. Armstrong.
Goodwood	" Elliott	Miss H. Todd	Miss M. Dickinson.
Gravenhurst	" Groves	Mrs. Harvie	Mrs. Owen.
Harkaway	Miss L. Lyons	Miss E. Moore	Miss M. Neeley.
Huntsville	Mrs. White	Mrs. J. Locke	Mrs. Metcalf.
Inglewood	" McCannell	" T. H. Graham	" Washington.
King	" Cocking	" M. J. Winter	" J. Nunn.
Locust Hill	" A. Forster	Miss M. R. Hoovey	" J. Jarvis.
Meaford	" W. T. Moore	Mrs. J. A. Long	" Chas. Brown.
Markham	" (Rev.) S. H. Edwards	" T. H. Speight	" H. C. Marr.

OFFICERS OF TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1898-99—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Markdale	Mrs. T. Boland	Mrs. (Rev.) T. G. Scott	Mrs. E. Trelford.
Mount Albert	" J. D. Rowland	Miss A. Anderson	Miss Haigh.
Maple	" (Rev.) Stewart	Mrs. T. Oliver	Mrs. Craddock.
Mulmur	" A. P. Latter	Miss M. A. Brown, Stanton P.O.	" Wm. Hand, Stanton P.O.
Newton-Robinson	" J. Merrick	Mrs. Jos. Chantler	" Downey.
Newmarket	" G. Richardson	" Boulton Hewitt, Box 213	" L. G. Jackson.
Orillia	" (Rev.) R. N. Burns	" J. B. Wallace	" A. H. Wainwright.
Orangeville	" (Rev.) A. Langford	" M. Green	Miss Kearns.
Owen Sound	" (Rev.) Brown	" W. F. Gray, Box 662	Mrs. A. J. Frost.
Parry Sound	" Rupert	" Weston	" Mrs. Beatty.
Richmond Hill	" W. R. Proctor	" J. E. A. Switzer	" T. Crosby.
Rocklyn	" E. Cook	" G. Crabtree	" S. Gilmour.
Streetsville	" (Rev.) Chapman	" Hicks	" F. Switzer.
Sandford	" W. Lapp	" D. A. Turner	" P. Arnold.
Sault Ste. Marie	" Luscombe	" Hearst	" Knight.
Scarboro'	" Vickery	" J. P. Mason	" Heron.
Schomberg	" C. Somerset	" W. J. Brereton	" J. Brydon.
Stouffville	" H. Hodgson	" Truman	" Storry.
Thornbury	" (Rev.) Wellwood	" J. E. Hutton	" E. J. Fawell.
Thompsonville	" Schmietendorf	" Hipwell	" Long.
Thornton	" J. R. Smith	Miss L. Lennox	" S. Thompson.
Tottenham	" H. Stone	Mrs. C. Stephens	" A. Greenaway.
Toronto, Bathurst Street ..	" G. Browne, 307 Markham Street	" R. Almond, 36 Olive Avenue	" A. W. Lee, 391 Markham St.
" Berkeley Street ..	Miss Storm	" F. A. Bowden, 105 Berkeley St.	" F. Hillock.
" Broadway Tabncle ..	Mrs. Odery	" Bowerman, 292 Huron St	" Gilpin.
" Carlton Street	" S. J. Hunter	Miss McCormack, 26 Grosvenor St.	" J. Downey.
Toronto, Central Church ..	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland	Mrs. Brownell, 33 St. Mary St.	Miss J. MacCallum, 13 Bloor W.
" Crawford Street ..	" R. Garbutt	" C. Fry, 78 Argyle St.	Mrs. J. Lloyd.
" Elm Street	" (Rev.) J. F. German	" Powell, 167 College St.	Miss E. A. Wilson.
" Euclid Avenue	" E. S. Rowe	" Munro, 183 Strachan Ave.	Mrs. Price.
" Gerrard Street	" J. S. Harker	" W. E. Benson, 362 Carlton St.	" W. T. Brown, 156 Spruce St.

Toronto, Central Church	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland	Mrs. Brownell, 33 St. Mary St.	Miss J. MacCallum, 13 Bloor W.
" ^{St. George's} _{St. Mark's} Crawford Street	" R. Garbutt	" C. Fry, 78 Argyle St.	Mrs. J. Lloyd.
" Elm Street	" (Rev.) J. F. German	" Powell, 167 College St.	Miss E. A. Wilson.
" Euclid Avenue	" E. S. Rowe	" Munro, 183 Strachan Ave.	Mrs. Price.
" Gerrard Street	" J. S. Harker	" W. E. Benson, 362 Carlton St.	" W. T. Brown, 156 Spruce St.
" Junction	" A. H. Fennell	" W. L. Joy	" Rutherford.
" King Street	" A. F. Albright	" Summerville, 493 King St. E.	" Murphy.
" Metropolitan	" J. B. Willmott	" L. M. Sweetnam, Shuter & Church	" R. A. Wood, Isabella St.
" New Richmond	" R. Stuart	" S. Bemister, 39 Grange Ave.	" Tallmadge.
" Parliament Street	" J. C. Robertson	" R. J. Fleming, 325 Parliament St.	" R. H. Self.
" Parkdale	" Bascom, 1331 King Street West	" (Rev.) Brown, 83 O'Hara Ave.	" M. P. Clemes.
" Queen Street	" W. W. Ogden	" J. C. Paterson, 11 Bellevue Place.	" S. M. Hay.
" Sherbourne Street	" Barnett	" A. E. Kemp, 119 Wellesley Cres't.	" Flavelle.
" St. Clarens Ave	" Cather, 102 Nassau St.	" Johnstone, Sheridan Avenue	" Pringle.
" St. Paul's	" E. E. Scott	" R. Armstrong, 10 Tranby Ave.	" Smith.
" St. Alban's	" H. Gray, 16 Wright Av.	" R. S. Scott, 170 Macdonell Ave.	" J. Harris.
" Trinity	" Jones	Miss M. E. Good, 35 Lowther Ave.	" Milner.
" Woodgreen Table.	" Gee	" A. L. Harris, 420 Pape Ave.	" Greenwood, 40 Hamilton St.
" Wesley Church	" Pepall	Mrs. F. Pretty, 193 Lisgar St.	" N. Burns.
" Yonge Street	" J. Macdonald	Miss Manley, Deer Park	Miss Sims.
Uxbridge	" Wallace	Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Tisdale.
Unionville	" W. Caseley	" J. Devlin	" P. Meyer.
Victoria Square	" R. L. Nichols	Miss M. H. Hopper	" S. M. Brown.
Whittington	" Sawtell	" M. E. Leader	" Ledlow.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In presenting our fifth annual report we are thankful to record some degree of progress. Many of our Auxiliaries report this year their best, spiritually and financially. Even those who regretfully note a decrease in number and income gratefully acknowledge that the close of the year finds the active membership evincing a broader sympathy with God's redeeming purposes in the earth, a fuller comprehension of His plan for the world, His policy for the Church, and a more ardent purpose to spend and be spent in the work of His Kingdom.

Number of Auxiliaries	140	Increase	8
" Annual members.....	2,950	" 	139
" Life-members	102	" 	10
Total membership	3,052		
Mission Bands	42	" 	6
Mission Band members	884	" 	34
Amount sent to General Treasurer.....		\$5,694	17
Amount credited to this Branch last year.....		5,581	10
		\$113	07
Increase.....			

The new Auxiliaries are Burr's, Melville, Woodville, Hartley, Bethesda, Moscow, Welcome and Greenwood.

The following new Bands have been organized: Atherley, Frankford Busy Bees, Millbrook, Claremont and Picton (Kilborn).

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH,
1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas. 1897-98.
Ameliasburg	15	..	15	9	\$22 43
Adolphustown	17	..	17	8	28 50
Belleville—Bridge Street	136	10	146	29	304 04
—Tabernacle	39	8	47	10	121 68
—Holloway Street.....	28	1	29	12	44 44
Baltimore	16	..	16	..	24 15
Bloomfield.....	40	..	40	9	92 45
Bowmanville.....	33	5	38	10	63 60
Bethany.....	24	..	24	6	52 00
Bath	15	..	15	7	35 15
Baillieboro'	15	..	15	9	17 18
Bayside	27	..	27	11	35 45
Brighton	21	2	23	..	23 75
Bethel.....	9	..	9	6	11 00
Bridgenorth	15	1	16	7	38 58
Bobcaygeon	3	..	..	..	3 00
Bancroft.....	4	..	4	4	6 30
Bethesda (Cobourg).....	11	..	11	5	24 94
Bayview.....	15	..	15	11	41 00
Bay	13	..	13	9	16 66
Brooklin.....	18	1	19	..	32 00
Bogart	8	..	8	5	13 25
Burr's	5	..	5	..	5 00
Bethesda (Madoc)	10	..	10	6	10 00
Cobourg	32	3	35	15	73 00
Castleton	24	2	26	11	35 80
Chatterton.....	17	3	20	7	64 30
Cannington	21	1	22	10	60 36
Campbellford	32	..	32	12	71 55
Colborne .....	..	..	..	..	26 80
Courtice	30	1	31	10	40 00
Consecon	7	..	7	4	15 10
Claremont	12	..	12	7	25 00
Cherry Valley	50	1	51	19	90 35
Cashel .....	..	..	..	..	.....
Carrying Place	13	..	13	6	20 79

STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1897-98.
Carman	16	..	16	7	\$24 00
Cannifton	18	..	18	7	32 27
Deseronto	41	..	41	15	50 00
Dartford	14	..	14	8	34 35
Demorestville	13	..	13	6	20 33
Dalrymple	24	..	24	11	96 91
Doxsee's	10	..	10	6	12 61
Davis	18	..	18	6	35 25
Eden	13	..	13	8	24 01
Enniskillen	10	..	10	5	11 50
Eden Grove	16	..	16	7	22 97
Eldorado	17	..	17	8	35 00
Enterprise	9	..	9	6	20 25
Foxboro'	18	..	18	9	27 45
Foxboro' North	23	2	25	9	53 00
Frankford	38	..	38	13	67 08
Fish Lake	10	..	10	10	19 57
Grafton .....	..	..	..	..	13 10
Green Point	7	..	7	6	9 95
Greenwood .....	..	..	..	..	..
Havelock	9	..	..	..	9 00
Hampton	12	1	13	8	19 80
Hilton	15	..	15	6	22 00
Hillier	8	..	8	5	10 68
Hastings	32	2	34	20	100 92
Hawley	8	..	8	5	17 25
Hazzard's Corners .....	..	..	..	..	11 50
Hartley .....	..	..	..	..	2 25
Ivanhoe	6	..	6	..	13 85
Keene	16	..	16	10	34 50
Lakefield	18	2	20	7	63 85
Little Britain	26	..	26	14	42 49
Lonsdale and Empey Hill	14	1	15	10	58 53
Lindsay	45	2	47	18	96 60
Morven	13	..	13	9	24 55
Marmora	9	..	9	6	16 70
Millbrook	15	2	17	7	26 00
Madoc	26	4	30	6	72 93
Manilla	9	..	9	5	14 00
Moira	17	2	19	9	33 04
Melrose	14	..	14	7	15 20
Mountain View	12	..	12	6	33 00
Marlbank	10	..	10	8	17 93

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STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1897-'98.
Melville	16	..	16	10	\$19 40
Moscow	19	..	19	..	19 00
Mount Pleasant.....	13	..	13	8	22 12
Napanee East.....	82	6	88	25	167 80
" West.....	59	..	59	14	87 71
Newburgh.....	14	..	14	6	23 10
Newcastle.....	29	1	30	10	42 93
Norham.....	14	1	15	8	20 00
Newtonville.....	16	..	16	6	27 0 ²
Northport.....	15	1	16	5	29 50
Norwood.....	23	..	23	7	42 94
Oshawa—Simcoe Street.....	44	2	46	16	147 82
—Metcalf Street.....	21	1	22	9	50 45
Oakwood.....	27	..	27	9	32 06
Orono.....	55	1	56	23	101 11
Odessa.....	26	..	26	12	30 50
Omeme.....	16	..	16	12	20 50
Peterboro'—George Street.....	43	8	51	17	83 40
—Charlotte Street.....	20	2	22	9	27 44
—Mark Street.....	12	..	12	7	18 64
Picton—First Church.....	75	5	80	13	275 28
—Main Street.....	23	..	23	11	32 68
Pontypool.....	10	..	10	6	12 35
Port Hope.....	51	1	52	20	123 90
Pickering.....	16	..	16	8	23 00
Plainfield.....	22	..	22	11	30 25
Port Perry.....	32	1	33	12	66 68
Point Traverse.....	8	..	8	5	7 00
Rose Hall.....	19	..	19	8	26 32
Rednersville.....	20	..	20	10	27 01
Rawdon.....	39	..	39	..	52 00
Smithfield.....	31	1	32	..	65 18
Salem.....	21	..	21	9	20 90
Shannonville.....	..	..	..	..	12 10
Selby.....	31	..	31	15	60 00
Stirling.....	26	..	26	16	34 63
South Bay and Milford.....	32	..	32	12	48 31
Springbrook.....	14	..	14	5	28 20
Sidney.....	63	2	65	12	75 49
Solmesville.....	11	..	11	7	17 50
Shiloh.....	6	1	7	5	11 60
South Dummer.....	8	..	8	3	15 00
Sillsville.....	15	..	15	7	22 50

STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1897-98.
Switzerville	12	..	12	8	\$15 50
Thomasburg	23	4	27	9	44 02
Tweed	30	1	31	8	88 50
—Lodge Room	17	..	17	11	33 68
Trenton	19	..	19	7	22 00
Tamworth	16	1	17	5	28 32
Wellington	26	..	26	11	41 25
Wicklow	23	1	24	6	26 10
Warkworth	27	..	27	10	52 50
Warsaw	12	..	12	5	21 00
Wilfrid	17	..	17	8	37 19
Wooler	29	..	29	14	48 62
Whitby	18	2	20	9	49 39
Wesley	14	..	14	9	28 79
Westlake	8 00
Woodville	13 48
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Zion	6	..	6	4	9 00

RECEIPTS.

From Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands	\$5768 01
Collection at Branch Meeting	12 59
	<u>\$5780 60</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By amount sent to General Treasurer—	
First Quarter	\$921 80
Second “	923 86
Third “	1716 20
Fourth “	2132 31
	<u>—\$5694 17</u>
President’s expenses	\$6 25
Corresponding Secretary’s expenses	20 27
Mission Band Secretary’s expenses	1 00
Treasurer’s expenses	1 50
Room 20	1 51
Cards and Printing	6 25
Organizers’ expenses	15 80
Officers’ travelling expenses	31 10
Printing lists	2 75
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	<u>\$5780 60</u>

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

The fifth annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held in the Methodist Church, Bowmanville, October 4th, 5th and 6th. Ninety-six delegates were in attendance.

The President, Mrs. G. D. Platt, occupied the chair. Her annual address, full of helpful thought, was an inspiration to all, and was, by resolution, ordered to be printed.

The reports of the organizers indicated unabated interest in the work of the several districts. The District conventions have been well sustained, and continue to prove a helpful media of instruction and inspiration.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented by Mrs. Grange, and showed the number of Auxiliaries to be 140; annual members, 2,950; life-members, 102; total, 3,052; an increase of eight Auxiliaries and 150 members. This represents but a fractional part of the work done by the Auxiliaries.

The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hawley, reported a growing intelligent interest on the part of the Band workers.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Campbell, presented her annual statement. Amount raised, \$5,694.17.

Mrs. Sing, Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, presented a very encouraging report of her department, showing an increase of over 150 who have adopted this method of giving during the year. Regret was felt that Mrs. Sing had to resign on account of removal from the Branch.

An impressive "in memoriam" service was conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Jewel. Touching reference was made to sixteen of our members who have entered into rest during the year. "The memory of the just is blessed."

The Consecration service was one of great interest and blessing, many bearing testimony to the spiritual helpfulness of missionary work.

The Workers Conference proved to be exceedingly profitable. Suggestive papers were read, bearing on practical phases of the work, and a free discussion followed.

The following new by-laws were adopted:

1. That reports of District Organizers do not exceed five minutes each.
2. That Branch officers and District Organizers send a statement of their expenses to the Treasurer by the 15th of September each year.
3. Auxiliaries shall pay the expenses of their delegates without entering said expenses in their report.
4. Each Auxiliary shall elect two delegates to the District Convention, who shall be responsible for reporting to and from the Convention, and who alone shall be eligible for voting for the District Organizer.
5. That District Organizers be elected by ballot at the District Convention. In the absence of such Convention, the appointment be made by the Branch President and Corresponding Secretary.
6. That the first week in November be "Crusade week."

It was resolved that 6,000 copies of "An Easter Appeal" be printed for the use of Auxiliaries.

A number of memorials were presented, and passed on to the Board for final decision.

It was ordered that a place be given to the subject of Temperance at District conventions, and at Auxiliary meetings when practicable.

The following are the officers :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Brighton.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) T. M. Campbell, Campbellford.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Copeland, Deseronto.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. A. W. Grange, Napanee.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, Hastings.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Miss M. G. Hawley, Bath.

DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

<i>Belleville</i>	Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge.
<i>Brighton</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Brighton.
<i>Bowmanville</i>	Miss L. Tourje, Orono.
<i>Cannington</i>	Miss S. King, Cannington.
<i>Cobourg</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Jewel, Welcome.
<i>Campbellford</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) T. M. Campbell, Campbellford.
<i>Lindsay</i>	Mrs. (Dr.) Jeffers, Lindsay.
<i>Napanee</i>	Mrs. S. Gibson, Napanee.
<i>Madoc</i>	Mrs. J. Finley, jun., Tweed.
<i>Peterboro'</i>	Mrs. J. C. Sherin, Lakefield.
<i>Picton</i>	Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.
<i>Tamworth</i>	Mrs. A. W. Grange, Napanee.
<i>Whitby</i>	Miss Maud Lambly, Brooklin.

Mrs. George Wilson, Port Hope, was appointed Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Mrs. A. W. Grange was appointed to represent the Branch at the Annual Conference.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Picton was accepted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Were held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and were largely attended. On Tuesday evening Mrs. (Rev.) Rae most happily welcomed the delegates to their town, church, homes and hearts, and Mrs. (Rev.) T. M. Campbell ably replied. Greetings were received from the sister societies—Presbyterian, Congregational and Christian. Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson reciprocated their congratulations and good wishes in choice and earnest words.

Wednesday night Mrs. Redner, of Port Simpson, and Rev. Mr. Knight, of the China Inland Mission, delivered interesting addresses. The choir of the church added greatly to the interest of the meetings by their suitable and inspiring selections.

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SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees	\$2950 00
Life-members' fees	250 00
Mission Bands	536 00
Donations and thank-offerings.....	1255 52
Epworth Leagues	48 18
Mite-boxes	172 30
Other sources	568 60
	\$5780 60

SPECIAL DONATIONS IN BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

Bethany—Indian Work	\$1 00
Napanee Circle, Jennie Ford Home.....	22 70
Picton—Nellie Hart Circle, for Native Worker	25 00
Old Chapel League for Indian Work	8 00
Miss Post, Picton, knitting-machine for Chilliwack	25 00
Mrs. A. R. Campbell for China.....	25 00
Mrs. Frances Gaddy, Atherley, Easter Offering	5 00
Courtice Choral Class for Chinese girl	25 00
Lindsay Senior and Junior Band for Chinese girl.....	50 18
Extra Cent a Day Band, Picton	90 82
Cheerful Workers, Lakefield, Child in Japan	22 96

REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

This interesting feature of our work contributes its usual quota of strength and good cheer. The added experience of the year has increased the conviction that the Lord is blessing the work. Reports reveal a growing intelligent interest. The special object for work—Jennie Ford Home—has been an educative force. The accounts of "little waifs cast out for any fate" have awakened much sympathy, which has found expression in many acts of self-denial that the helpless little suffering ones might be relieved, resulting in many five cents finding their way into the treasury that would not otherwise. Ten Circles and Bands have shown their missionary spirit by contributing bedding, clothing, Christmas gifts, etc., to places where many hearts were cheered and encouraged. Great honor is due the presidents of Circles and Bands for their vigilance in trying to hold the young women and children for our work. All praise to them! We would renew our appeal to the Auxiliaries for their watchful care over this department of work, that the members may be more than ever led to devote their energies to this line of work for Christ. Four Bands have been organized and two resumed work after being dormant for a time. They are Atherley, Claremont, Frankford (Busy Bees), Millbrook, Picton (Kilborn) and Woodville. One Band (Keene) has disbanded. Number of Mission Bands and Circles, 41; Mission Band members, 858; Mission Band life-members, 26. Amount sent Branch Treasurer, \$536.00.

M. G. HAWLEY.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

- Bellerive Jubilee*.—(1892) Mrs. W. W. Chown, Mr. Charles Reid, Miss Jennie Higginbotham; (1893) Miss Tillie Craig, Mrs. Moss (*née* Miss Clara Craig), Miss B. Lazier; (1894) Mrs. Joseph Craig—7.
- Belleville University*.—(1892) Mrs. (Dr.) Carman; (1893) Miss Allo Carman—2.
- Belleville, Albert College*.—(1898) Miss Tillie Boyce—1.
- Castleton*.—(1897) Miss Georgiana Watt—1.
- Lakefield*.—(1893) John Hull, Esq.—1
- Lindsay, Queen St.*—Miss F. Gilpen; (1897) Miss Hazel Mitchell—2.
- Lindsay, Excelsior*.—(1897) Miss Lillie Rogers—1.
- Napanee E. Church*.—(1894) Mrs. W. W. Miller—1.
- Newburgh*.—(1893) Mesdames H. L. Wilson, Nelson McKim (Montreal), Miss H. M. Paul (Crosby Home, Port Simpson)—3.
- Oshawa, Simcoe St.*—(1893) Miss H. M. Dingle; (1894) Miss M. Duke; (1895) Mesdames A. Sykes, J. Gould, W. Pernton—5.
- Orono*.—(1893) Miss E. L. Brown—1.
- Tweed*.—(1894) Miss Annie Wilson—1. Total, 26.

AUXILIARIES BY DISTRICTS.

Belleville District.

Belleville, Bridge Street.
Tabernacle.
Holloway Street.

Sidney.
Foxboro'.
" North.

Cannifton.
Chatterton.
Carmel.
Lonsdale and Empey Hill.
Bayside.
Plainfield.
Moirs.
Melrose.
Shaannonville.

Brighton District.

Brighton.
Smithfield.
Colborne.
Trenton.
Frankford.
Salem.
Wooler.
Hilton.
Wicklows.
Castleton.
Carman.
Grafton.
Shiloh.
Eden Grove.

Bowmanville District.

Bowmanville.
Oshawa, Simcoe Street.
Metcalf Street.

Orono.
Newcastle.
Hampton.
Courtice.
Newtonville.
Enniskillen.

Campbellford District.

Campbellford.
Stirling.
Hastings.
Norwood.
Warkworth.
Norham.
Dartford.
South Dummer.
Havelock.
Keene.
Rawdon.

Cobourg District.

Cobourg.
Port Hope.
Baltimore.
Bethesda.
Welcome.

Cannington District.

Cannington.
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Dalrymple.
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Hartley.
Woodville.

Lindsay District.

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Bobcaygeon.

Peterboro' District.

Peterboro', George Street.
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Pontypool.
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Madoc District.

Madoc.
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Napanee District.

Napanee, East.
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Bethany.
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Bath.
Hawley.
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Odessa.
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Switzerville.
Moscow.
Morven.

Picton District.

Picton.
" Main Street.
Bloomfield.
Cherry Valley.
South Bay and Milford.
Wellington.
Rosehall.
Mount Pleasant.
Ameliaburg.
Rednersville.
Demorestville.
Consecon.
Carrying Place.
Mountain View.
Bethel.
Hillier.
Solmesville.
Bay.
West Lake.
Northport.
Bay View.
Point Traverse.
Fish Lake.
Green Point.
Doxee's.
Davis.
Burr's.
Melville.

Tamworth District.

Tamworth.
Enterprise.
Marlbank.

Whitby District.

Whitby.
Port Perry.
Claremont.
Pickering.
Brooklin.
Greenwood.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS,
BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE, 1897-98.

PLACE.	NAME OF BAND.	Number of Mem- bers, 1897-98.	Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
*Atherley .....	.....	..	..	....
Bayside	Wayside Workers .....	..	..	....
Bath	Gleaners	21	..	\$5 85
Belleville	Albert College	68	..	60 00
—Bridge Street	Jubilee Circle	40	7	33 90
—Tabernacle	Mission Circle	36	..	27 00
—University	Mission Band	14	2	19 01
—Holloway Street	Glad Tidings	17	..	5 44
Castleton	Careful Gleaners .....	..	..	....
" Juvenile	Nightingale .....	..	1	....
Claremont	Happy Helpers .....	..	..	6 23
Campbellford	Dayspring	37	..	13 90
Demorestville	Sunbeam	9	..	5 20
" Davis Church	Day Star .....	..	..	....
Dalrymple	Wide Awake	30	..	33 00
Deseronto	Pansy	55	..	5 50
Foxboro'	Gleaners for the Master	15	..	5 29
Frankford	Earnest Workers	21	..	14 20
*Frankford	Busy Bees	45	..	1 75
Hastings	Friendly League	25	..	9 50
Lakefield	Cheerful Workers	21	1	21 96
Lindsay	Excelsior	7	1	23 50
"	Little Lights	20	..	27 00
" —Queen Street	Wayside Gleaners	30	2	6 00
Manilla	Nightingale .....	..	..	....
*Millbrook	Eastern Band	18	..	....
Napanee	Eastern Church Circle	18	1	34 81
"	Gleaners and Reapers	50	..	7 34
Newburgh	Daughters of Zion	12	3	2 00
Northport	Maple Leaf	9	..	4 50
Oshawa—Simcoe Street	Mission Circle	47	5	65 82
Orono	Little Gleaners	40	1	5 26
Peterboro'—George Street	Light Bearers .....	..	..	....
Picton	The Nellie Hart	10	..	25 00
*Picton	Kilborn	25	..	7 71
Smithfield	Sunshine Gatherers	40	..	9 37
Springbrook	Mission Band	15	..	4 75
Solmesville	Little Helpers .....	..	..	....
Stockdale	Mission Band	42	..	5 00
Tweed	Sunbeam	39	1	26 22
*Woodville	Mission Band	4 48
"	Donation	1 65
Total	858	26	\$536 00

* New Band.

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**ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF
MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.**

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MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

A review of the labor of another year calls forth feelings of grateful thanksgiving. Reports have generally been encouraging. Work has been willingly and faithfully done, and an increased earnestness and zeal have characterized the workers. While we report extension and growth our anticipations of success have not been fully realized. We leave all with Him who knoweth what the sowing and reaping has been. Six Auxiliaries have been organized; they are Lyn, Cardinal, Lawrenceville, Birhton, Wesley Church (Haley's), and Grant's.

Membership, 1897	2,060		
“ 1898	2,068	Increase	8
Life-members, 1897	99		
“ 1898	107	Increase	8
Total membership	2,175	“	16
Number of Auxiliaries, 1897	96		
“ “ 1898	100	Increase	4
“ Mission Bands, 1897	31		
“ “ “ 1898	35	Increase	4
Mission Band members	616		
Remitted to Branch Treasurer, 1897	\$4,522		52
“ “ 1898	4,629		42
Increase			106 90
Easter-offering			1,201 63

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Montreal Conference Branch was held in the town of Athens, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1898.

Seventy-three delegates were in attendance, also several visitors. The first session opened on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Bigelow, 1st Vice-President, in the chair.

Touching reference was made to the shadow that rested upon our hearts on account of the recent bereavement sustained by our much-loved President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, and her consequent absence. A letter of greeting and loving remembrance was received from Mrs. Ross. Upon motion a telegram and letter were sent to her expressive of regret and sympathy for her in her sorrow. Also letters to Mrs. Ross, sen., whose yearly counsels to the Branch have been most helpful and inspiring; and Miss Bailey, of Iroquois, Cor. Sec. Mission Bands, who was unable, through illness, to attend the Convention, and whose absence was much regretted.

Devotional exercises were characterized by earnestness and a sense of reliance upon God.

An address of welcome given by Mrs. Crane, and sisterly greetings from representatives of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches, also from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, were received, to which Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McRossie responded.

Our returned missionary, Miss Crombie, was introduced, and encouraging words spoken by Rev. W. Service, when the delegates and friends adjourned to the school-room for a social hour.

Reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands told of much persevering and faithful toil on the part of our young people as well as our women.

Encouraging accounts of the work being done in the French Institute and French day-schools were read.

A practical and helpful paper was given by Mrs. Cobb, Montreal; subject, "Our Aims."

The Corresponding Secretary reported 100 Auxiliaries; increase, 4; annual members, 2,068; life-members, 107; total membership, 2,175.

The Treasurer's statement showed the total receipts to be \$5,169.89; amount forwarded to General Treasurer, \$4,629.42.

A short service in memory of those who had passed away during the year was led by Mrs. Williams. A testimony meeting followed, led by Mrs. Conley, who emphasized the importance of abiding in Christ.

In the evening a public meeting was held and largely attended, Rev. W. Service presiding. Miss Crombie's address, giving information of the work in Japan, was listened to with great interest, and tended to increase missionary zeal.

An interesting item was the report of the Supply Committee.

Business the last day consisted chiefly of the consideration of memorials, notices of motion and election of officers.

Report of the Department of Systematic Giving was read by the Superintendent, Miss Percival, followed by discussion.

A notice of motion from the Athens Auxiliary, asking for an increased appropriation for Mr. Raley's home at Kit-a-maat, was favorably received.

The following resolutions were passed:

That Miss Percival be allowed \$10.00 for expenses connected with the Department of Systematic Giving.

That we express to Miss Crombie, of Japan, the great pleasure and profit we have received in having her with us at our annual meeting.

Report of the Courtesy Committee was adopted, and the Convention adjourned to meet next year in Ottawa.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	Mrs. T. G. Williams.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	" McRossie.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	" Hughes.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	" Lett.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Bigelow.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" J. W. Knox.
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<i>Superintendent Systematic Giving</i>	" Percival.
<i>Auditor</i>	Major King.

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<i>Pembroke</i>	" Dunlop.
<i>Ottawa</i>	" Perkins and Mrs. Scott.
<i>Huntingdon</i>	" McNaughton and Mrs. Dalglish.
<i>Quebec</i>	" Dresser.
<i>Stanstead</i>	" Deacon and Miss Colby.
<i>Waterloo</i>	" Lawrence and Mrs. Lytle.
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<i>Britton.</i>	
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life-members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Athens	49	3	80	3	\$106 93
Aultsville	20	..	20	..	46 21
Almonte	14	..	..	..	24 75
Addison	8	..	..	..	27 75
Ashton	16	..	..	..	....
Brockville—Wall St.	66	..	..	6	91 75
—George St.	23	..	..	3	31 88
Beachburg	14	..	..	..	14 80
* Birchton .....	..	..	..	..	....
Cornwall	38	..	45	3	100 00
Cowansville	12	..	..	..	17 26
Coaticook	18	..	..	..	32 36
Cobden	20	..	..	..	56 98
Calumet	12	..	..	..	25 72
Carp	4	..	..	..	4 00
Clayton (Boyd's)	9	..	..	..	32 08
Chesterville	27	..	..	..	47 76
* Cardinal	15	..	..	..	24 34
Delta	14	..	20	..	46 49
Drummond's .....	..	..	..	..	....
Danville	20	..	..	..	27 77
Easton's Corners	12	..	..	..	16 00
Elma	10	..	..	..	21 25
Elgin	23	..	15	..	44 00
Frankville	16	..	..	..	35 90
Franklin Centre	16	..	..	..	22 50
Forfar	10	..	..	..	10 70
Gananoque	28	..	..	2	50 75
Greenwood	11	..	..	..	25 60
Granby	25	..	..	1	102 82
Gaspe Basin	4	..	..	..	4 00
* Grant's	9	..	..	..	9 10
Huntingdon	45	..	..	3	97 42
Harlem and Chantry ..	34	..	40	1	61 95
Haldimand	9	..	..	..	11 85
Hemmingford	14	..	..	..	32 85
Iroquois	44	..	..	2	79 00
Inkerman	21	..	..	..	82 00
Kingston—Sydenham St.	53	1	..	26	203 24
—Queen St.	54	1	..	6	108 10

* New Band.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1897-98—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life-members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Kemptville	19	..	..	..	\$24 23
Knowlton	12	..	..	..	19 15
Kars	11	..	..	..	11 18
Lunenburg	16	..	..	..	32 00
Lansdowne	16	..	7	..	15 22
Lennoxville	18	..	24	..	38 40
Locksley	5	..	..	..	17 00
Lakefield	2	..	..	..	5 40
Lake Dore	11	..	..	..	26 85
Lacolle	7	..	..	..	15 00
* Lyn	17	..	..	..	18 58
* Lawrenceville	11	..	..	..	5 30
Lachute	14	..	..	..	24 00
Montreal—St. James	65	..	20	6	259 09
—Dominion Square	40	..	..	..	142 00
—Douglas	70	2	..	7	330 22
—Mountain St.	19	..	..	..	120 53
—East End	20	..	..	..	56 52
—Centenary	22	..	..	..	57 91
—St. Henri	10	..	..	..	19 05
—St. Lambert	11	..	..	..	38 81
Merrickville	32	..	..	1	65 75
Morrisburg	19	..	..	..	55 72
Mallorytown	17	..	..	1	41 25
Mosgrove	18	..	..	..	29 45
Moulinette	21	..	..	..	38 15
Matilda	17	..	..	..	22 13
McLeanville	9	..	..	..	21 60
Magog	5	..	..	..	17 80
Minton	13	..	..	..	18 90
North Gower	35	..	..	..	66 14
Newington	5	..	..	..	5 00
Northfield	18	..	..	..	27 00
Ottawa—Dominion Church	63	2	..	2	187 30
—East	19	..	..	1	43 75
—West	43	92 80
Ormstown	24	28 17
Pembroke	52	221 99
Prescott	13	1	44 00
Perth	23	2	64 00

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1897-98—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Portland.....	6	..	..	..	\$7 80
Playfair.....	10	..	..	..	22 28
Point Fortune.....	4	..	..	..	4 00
Quebec (Mission Band).....	..	..	..	..	....
Richmond.....	14	..	..	..	14 03
Renfrew.....	30	..	..	..	40 31
Robertson.....	11	..	..	..	58 10
Rennie's.....	9	..	..	..	4 52
Sherbrooke.....	20	..	..	3	64 52
Spencerville.....	29	..	..	1	60 24
Sawyerville.....	..	..	..	..	....
South Mountain.....	6	..	..	..	6 00
Smith's Falls.....	46	1	..	2	99 49
Spring Valley (Elizabethtown).....	7	..	..	..	14 25
Stanstead.....	11	..	..	..	20 00
Ulverton.....	13	..	..	..	20 00
Vankleek Hill.....	13	..	..	..	42 32
Winchester.....	65	..	14	3	180 23
Waterloo.....	45	..	25	..	92 18
Warden.....	7	..	..	..	14 55
* Wesley Church, Douglas (Haley's Sta'n).....	25	..	..	..	25 00
Playfair Y. P. S. C. E.....	..	..	..	..	75 00
Riviere du Loup.....	1	..	..	..	1 50
Sydenham.....	2	..	..	..	2 00
Total ..	..	..	..	..	\$4629 42

* New Band.

AUXILIARIES ORGANIZED IN THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.—Montreal, St. James; Montreal, Douglas; Dominion Square, Mountain Street, Centenary and East End, St. Lambert, St. Henri, Lachute, Calumet, Lakefield.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.—Kingston, Sydenham Street and Queen Street; Gananoque, Portland.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.—Ottawa, Dominion Church; Ottawa, East and West; Mosgrove, Vankleek Hill, Kars, North Gower, Carp.

BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.—Brockville, Wall Street and George Street; Prescott, Mallorytown, Lansdowne, Athens, Addison, Spencerville, Kemptville, Frankville, Delta, Drummond's, McLeanville, Lyn.

MATILDA DISTRICT.—Iroquois, Morrisburg, Matilda, Winchester, Chester-ville, Robertson, Cornwall, Newington, Elma, Lunenburg, Aultsville, Moulin-ette, Northfield, Cardinal.

PERTH DISTRICT.—Perth, Smith's Falls, Merrickville, Easton's Corners, Boyd's, Playfair, Harlem and Chantry, Forfar, Almonte.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.—Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Sawyerville, Minton, Gaspé Basin, Haldimand, Ulverton, Richmond, Danville, Birchtown.

PEMBROKE DISTRICT.—Pembroke, Greenwood, Beachburg, Cobden, Renfrew, Locksley, Lake Dore, Grant's, Wesley Church (Haley's Station).

STANSTEAD DISTRICT.—Stanstead, Magog, Coaticook.

WATERLOO DISTRICT.—Waterloo, Cowansville; Granby, Knowlton, Warden, Lawrenceville.

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.—Huntingdon, Franklin Centre, Lacolle, Rennie's, Ormstown, Hemmingford.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Oct. 1, 1897.		RECEIPTS.	
To Balance	.....		\$209 19
Received from all sources	.....		5010 94
			\$5220 13
Oct. 6, 1897.		EXPENDITURE.	
By Paid delegates' expenses Branch meeting	.....		\$275 45
Remitted General Treasurer, 1st quarter	.....	\$517 13	
" " " 2nd quarter	.....	772 12	
" " " 3rd quarter	.....	1640 17	
" " " 4th quarter	.....	1700 00	
			4629 42
Bank Commission	.....		9 51
Treasurer's expenses (postage, stationery)	.....		2 81
Room 20	.....		14 00
<i>Freeholder</i> (Cornwall newspaper)	.....		1 25
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	.....		10 00
Supt. Systematic Giving, Miss Percival	.....		5 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	.....		272 69
			\$5220 13
Examined and found correct.			
W. KING, Auditor.			
Kingston, October 3, 1898.			

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SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees	\$2068 29
Life-members' fees	200 00
Mission Bands	393 65
Public meetings	407 32
Mite-boxes	316 55
Reports	4 60
Leaflets	5 31
Donations	295 19
Easter offerings	1201 63
Scattered Helpers	10 96
Other sources	266 39
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	\$5169 89
Less Auxiliary expenses	158 95
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	\$5010 94

Examined and found correct.

W. KING, *Auditor*.

Kingston, October 3, 1898.

INCOME FOR 1897-98 COMPARED WITH THAT FOR 1896-97.

	1896-97.	1897-98.
Annual members' fees	\$2038 58	\$2068 29
Life-members' fees	175 00	200 00
Mission Bands	609 42	393 65
Public meetings	447 17	407 32
Mite-boxes	345 78	316 55
Sale of reports	1 30	4 60
Sale of leaflets	4 20	5 31
Donations and thank-offerings	339 46	295 19
Easter offerings	860 19	1201 63
Scattered Helpers' Fund	18 10	10 96
Other sources	124 44	266 39
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Total	\$4963 64	\$5169 89
Less auxiliary expenses	146 59	158 95
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	\$4817 05	\$5010 94

E. A. SPARKS.

Kingston, October 5th, 1898.

DONATIONS SPECIALLY MENTIONED.

Fallbrooke Y. P. S. C. E., to support a girl in Jennie Ford Home for three years	\$75 00
Douglas Church Auxiliary, Montreal, to support Bible-woman in Japan	60 00
Miss Nellie Starr, for support of Edith Scott in Crosby Home	25 00
Inkerman, from young people and children, for Jennie Ford Home....	10 00
Inkerman Auxiliary, for woman in China	26 05

Coaticook Auxiliary, for Jennie Ford Home.....	\$13 25
Happy Gleaners Mission Band, Northfield, for Jennie Ford Home....	9 00
Starlight Mission Band, Cobden, for support of girl in Jennie Ford Home	12 00
Queen Street Church Sabbath School, Kingston, for Jennie Ford Home	9 14
Delta Auxiliary, for Jennie Ford Home	13 00
Sydenham Street, Kingston, for Japanese Home.....	6 00
Mosgrove, in aid of Miss Stephens, Crosby Home, British Columbia...	6 41

MONTREAL CONFERENCE MISSION BAND REPORT.

In reporting our Mission Band work for another year, we do so with gratitude mingled with regret; regret that more has not been accomplished, yet grateful to God for some progress, and for the reports from so many Bands of faithful, earnest work for the Master. Various have been the discouragements of our workers, one difficulty being to secure good attendance at the meetings; but, notwithstanding this, a great deal of study has been given to our mission work and the different fields of labor. We believe more interest taken by our Auxiliaries in the Mission Bands would greatly facilitate the work. We report with pleasure five new members—one in Pembroke, one in Iroquois and three in Cornwall. Four new Bands have been organized, viz., Magog, Lennoxville, Calumet and Perth, making a total for our Branch of thirty-five. Amount paid to Branch Treasurer, \$393.65.

EFFIE BAILEY.

Our Corresponding Secretary, on account of severe illness, found it impossible to complete the report for this year, so we append last year's report of Band officers.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

Montreal, St. James Mission Circle.—(1893) Mrs. W. E. Ross, Miss G. Nichol—2.

Montreal, Douglas Mission Circle.—Mrs. Regan—1.

Iroquois, Onward.—(1893) Mrs. Hall, Miss E. S. Bailey; (1894) Misses C. A. Rogers, M. S. Carman, M. E. Carman, J. Hornick; (1895) Misses Cora Van Camp, Lillie Ault; (1896) R. K. Weir; (1898) Miss M. J. Coons—10.

Gananoque—Miss Nellie Day—1.

Portland, Minnie McLean Band—(1896) Mrs. Derbyshire—1.

Chantry, Pansy Band—(1897) Miss Eva Empey—1.

Cornwall, Daybreak—(1897) Mrs. Heulet, Horace Bigelow; (1898) Sadie Bigelow, Jessie Auty, S. R. McCulla—5

Pembroke—(1898) Mrs. Perrett—1.

(Total, 22.)

STATIST

Aultsville .
 Almonte . . .
 Athens . . .
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, MONTREAL
CONFERENCE BRANCH.

BANDS.	NAME OF BAND.	Members, 1898.	Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Aultsville	Earnest Toilers	20	..	\$6 89
Almonte	Watchers .....	..	..	....
Athens	Pansy	70	..	19 38
"	Annie Adams	40	..	17 11
"	Hagar	2	..	1 90
Cornwall	Daybreak .....	..	6	29 18
Cobden	Starlight	22	..	22 59
Chantry	Pansy	41	1	25 00
* Calumet .....	.....	10	..	7 25
Delta	Wayside Helpers	20	..	18 00
Elgin	Buds of Promise .....	..	..	....
Iroquois	Onward	30	10	20 00
Inkerman .....	.....	40	..	....
Kingston .....	.....	..	..	....
* Lennoxville .....	.....	..	..	....
* Magog .....	.....	..	2	....
Montreal	St. James Mission Circle ..	..	2	....
"	Mountain Street	33	..	75 08
"	Douglas .....	..	1	....
Merrickville .....	.....	..	..	....
Northfield	Happy Gleaners	11	..	4 35
Newington .....	.....	..	..	....
Pembroke	Sunshine Senders	10	1	47 70
Portland	Minnie McLean .....	..	1	....
* Perth	Asbury .....	..	..	....
Smith's Falls .....	.....	..	..	....
Winchester	Rosevier	25	..	15 08
"	Mizpah	62	..	52 90
Waterloo .....	.....	..	..	....

* New Band.

ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF
MISSION BANDS AND CIRCLES.

ADDRESS.	NAME OF BAND.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Aultsville.....	Earnest Toilers ..	Mrs. G. Markell	Miss Lillie Nash.
Almonte	Watchers	Miss Ross	" M. Sheriffs.
Athens	Pansy	Miss Bell Wiltse	" Edith Younge.
"	Annie Adams	Mrs. Touriss .....	.....
"	Hagar	" Robinson .....	.....
Cornwall	Daybreak	Miss L. Seeley	Miss S. S. Bigelow.
Cobden	Starlight	Mrs. Otto	" Minnie Feever.
Chantry	Pansy	Miss A. B. Chamberlain	" Jessie Alford.
Calumet .....	.....	Mrs. C. Lanigan	" B. McIntyre.
Delta	Wayside Helpers ..	" G. P. Chamberlain	" Aggie Hewitt.
Elgin	Buds of Promise ..	" L. Conley	" Lydia Cheney.
Iroquois	Onward	Miss E. S. Bailey ...	" Lillie Ault.
Inkerman .....	.....	" N. Serviss .....	.....
Kingston .....	.....	Mrs. Crumley .....	.....
Lennoxville .....	.....	.....	.....
Magog .....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal	St. James M. Circle	Mrs. W. E. Ross	Miss M. Vibert
"	Mountain St.	" Robson	" Lizzie Gamble.
"	Douglas .....	.....	" M. J. Jordan.
Merrickville .....	.....	.....	.....
Northfield	Happy Gleaners ..	Mrs. G. Markell	Mrs. W. O. Wert.
Newington .....	.....	Miss Eva Foster	Miss L. Snetsinger.
Pembroke	Sunshine Senders ..	" Clare Perrett ...	" L. L. White.
Portland	Minnie McLean ..	Mrs. E. J. Austin ..	.....
Perth	Asbury .....	.....	.....
Smith's Falls .....	.....	.....	Miss E. Levell.
Winchester	Rosevier	Mrs. Challies	" F. Reynolds.
"	Mizpah	" Effie J. Mill.
Waterloo	Mrs. C. Bland	" Alice Drew.

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MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

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Pres., Mrs. D. G. Lomis; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Lett (member for 1898); 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. S. Dresser; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Johnston; Cor. Sec., *Mrs. A. W. Hyndman; Treas., Mrs. W. B. LeBaron. Mesdames *(Rev) T. G. Williams, *L. W. Dowlin, Bloomfield, Howard, Morehouse, G. E. Hyndman, Gordon, Flag, Cate, Phelps, Stevens, Lyster, Arkley, Spence, Davis, Enright; Misses Paige, A. Paige.

SMITH'S FALLS.

Pres., Mrs. J. R. Lavell; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Craig; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Millikin; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. Vandusen; Cor. Sec., *Miss H. Graham; Treas., Mrs. H. Miner. Mesdames Harry Lavell, J. B. Wickware, J. T. Ross, (Rev.) Might, A. Houlston, J. Garret, W. Edgers, R. W. Steacy, B. Rose, McManus, Chambers, Newton, G. T. Rooke, M. J. Wilson, Carscallen, S. Garrett, A. S. Wickware, W. Blair, W. Robinson, P. A. McLean, H. McGee, Hinton, J. Moore, McCormick, Wm. Blair, Griffith, S. Robinson, B. Byranston, McConnell, Davidson, Heline; Misses M. Anderson, J. Tweedy, *Katie Webb, S. Dixon, Mary Dixon, G. Rooke, F. Smith, M. Chalmers, K. Lavell. (Hon.) Rev. S. G. Bland.

SPENCERVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. Philp; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. M. Connell; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Bennett; Rec. Sec., Miss Philp; Cor. Sec., Miss Peters; Treas., Mrs. T. J. Bennett. Mesdames Wm. Bennett, Cummings, D. P. Snyder, C. Baker, Fricker, (Dr.) McLean, Hotton, Bush, Frank Dukelow, Frank Whitley, James Lawrence, Cleary, James Bennett, Jackson, Wm. Racroft, T. Constable, Chas. Peters, Albert Dunlop, John Bennett; Misses Tripp, Fricker, Lilian Connell, Alice Bennett.

STANSTEAD.

Pres., Mrs. M. E. Flanders; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Lett; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Davies; Rec. Sec., Miss Mansur; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Stevens; Treas., Mrs. Deacon. Mesdames Rugg, Spalding, Flint, H. Pierce, Cobb, Abbey, Colby; Misses Colby, Hubbard, Butters, Pitcher, Shaw, Lynn, Pierce, Germaine.

ULVERTON.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) T. H. Wright; V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Smith; Rec. Sec., Mrs. B. E. Reed; Cor. Sec., Mrs. James Miller; Treas., Mrs. H. J. Elliott. Mesdames R. Elliott, J. H. Elliott, Husk, Mace; Misses Lyster, Frances Miller.

VANKLEEK HILL.

Pres., Mrs. J. B. Keough; 1st V.-Pres. and Treas., Mrs. (Rev.) W. Raney; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Gibson; Rec. Sec., Miss Keough; Cor. Sec., Mrs. N. Durant. Mesdames C. Carkner, A. Cass, D. J. McIntosh, W. E. McKellican, W. Engleton; Misses N. Keough, E. Cross, A. Cross.

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Pres., Mrs. A. Newell; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. E. Graves; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. A. Goold; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. T. Cook; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Bird; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. D. Lawrence; Treas., Mrs. J. D. Wells. Mesdames A. C. Lytle, F. Barrington, W. Bridge, J. R. Clark, E. Newton, Closson, E. N. Shaw, C. A. Nutting, A. Hale, J. Hetherington, D. Daigneau, O. W. Hills, Coleman, Geo. Jones, (Rev.) C. E. Bland, E. Rasicot, T. Gilman, D. Clark, C. Whitcomb, G. Kendall, N. O. Rockwell, P. Kennedy, W. J. Bullis, N. Smith, L. Paveau, L. D. Wallace, J. Clark, Wright, Poirer, N. Woodard, B. Whitehead, J. R. Booth, M. H. Temple, A. Soules, O. Shepherd; Misses D. Booth, M. Lincoln.

WESLEY CHURCH, HALEY'S STATION.

Pres., Mrs. A. W. Ross; V.-Pres., Mrs. A. Palmer; Rec. Sec., Miss Adeline Lipsey; Cor. Sec., Miss Ethel Palmer; Treas., Mrs. R. Barstead. Mesdames R. Ross, R. Barber, Konkhey; Misses Maggie Ross, Mary Taylor, Annie Philips, F. C. Ross.

WINCHESTER.

Pres., *Mrs. Reynolds; 1st V.-Pres., *Mrs. Challis; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Reveller; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Shaver; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Palmer; Treas., Mrs. Beach. Mesdames *Mercil, Bailey, Durant, Flora, Hiram Earl, James Earl, C. Walker, Art. Beach, Ida Timmins, Wickwyre, Sweet, Blackman, George Barkley, Bicum, Melvin, Wm. Errat, Ross, Johnson, J. Hutt, Weir, Manning, Cass, Boyd, Parker, A. Christie, B. Beach, Mill, Barrager, J. Walker, I. W. Errat, Hughes, Henry Smyth, A. Timmins, Geo. Annabal, Lyman Beach, Lydia Brown, Casselman, Mahlon Durant, Smyth, King, Hanes; Misses McPherson, H. Parker, C. Annabal, S. Annabal, E. Beach. (Hon.) Messrs. Art. Beach, Manning, Challis.

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NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1897-98.

The circling year brings us to another annual meeting, the fifteenth in the history of the Nova Scotia Branch.

Nothing great or startling has been accomplished—just quiet work amid some discouragements; but done “In His name” and for His dear sake, it will appear again in that day when every man’s work shall be made manifest. May it be that which shall “abide.”

The Auxiliaries and Bands, on the whole, report sustained interest and some growth. We have to report an increase of two Auxiliaries and two Bands.

Two Conventions have been held during the year, in the Annapolis and Liverpool districts, and two united meetings in the Halifax District. Our local Supply Committee has again done good work, distributing goods to the value of \$140. Twelve of our number have gone to be “forever with the Lord”—having left a good report that they “died well,” and leaving us an example of faithful love and devotion. We rejoice to welcome to our ranks the Auxiliaries and Bands of Newfoundland, who have hitherto worked separately. Henceforth our Branch will be known as “The Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.” We covet for our Society the best—*our best*—for the Master and for souls, and nothing less will do, and this we cannot give unless we are “filled with power for service.”

Number of Auxiliaries	55
" Annual members	1010
" Life-members	100
" Mission Circles and Bands	48
" Mission Band Annual members	1052
" Mission Band Life-members	56
Total number of members, Auxiliaries	1110
" " Mission Bands	1108
Amount raised, Auxiliaries	\$2569 92
" " Mission Bands	1125 65
Total raised	3695 57
Increase	151 14

Increase : Two Auxiliaries, two Mission Bands.

S. JENNIE SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH, 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life-Members.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Annapolis District—						
Annapolis.....	13	1	12	12	1	\$13 00
Auburn	19	..	10	8	..	51 79
Bridgetown	22	1	11	9	3	62 14
Berwick	26	..	12	12	2	57 60
Grafton.....	17	..	11	9	2	41 40
Digby	12	1	6	6	1	28 12
Hillsburg (Bear River)	18	2	10	8	1	37 00
*Lawrencetown	12	..	11	7	1	62 00
Middleton	25	1	11	10	1	67 08
N. Kingston	11	..	12	7	..	27 50
Nictaux	12	..	11	4	1	15 53
South Farmington	11	..	11	6	1	41 08
Granville Ferry	8	..	10	5	1	16 78
Cape Breton District—						
Sydney	18	2	12	8	1	30 23
North Sydney .....	..	..	..	..	..	33 20
Gabarus	13	..	12	9	2	25 75
Cumberland District—						
Amherst	35	2	12	12	1	139 41
Nappan.....	15	..	8	7	..	48 88
Oxford	26	2	11	16	..	60 00
Parrsboro'	25	..	12	9	..	40 43
Pugwash	22	1	12	8	1	35 94
Port Greville	29	..	12	15	..	41 00
Springhill.....	24	1	10	10	..	59 83
Wallace	11	..	10	7	2	24 01
Wallace Bay	8	..	7	5	1	11 57
Guysboro' District—						
Guysboro'.....	20	2	11	7	2	46 33
Canso	17	3	12	9	1	72 06
Liverpool District—						
Liverpool	10	..	8	6	..	14 35
Bridgewater.....	9	..	5	5	..	28 00
Lunenburg	27	..	11	12	1	50 34
La Have Islands.....	6	..	11	4	2	14 31
New Germany.....	11	1	11	6	2	37 80
Ritcey's Cove	20	..	11	10	1	58 31
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*Lawrencetown sends money for support of Kate Price in Crosby Home.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

1897-98 :		
Received from Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands	\$3,646 52	
By collections at Branch meetings at Truro	29 05	
By donation from Miss Bent, of Tupperville.....	20 00	
		\$3,695 57

EXPENDITURE.

By expenses of Branch.....	\$112 68	
By remittances to Treasurer of Board	3,582 89	
		\$3,695 57

Examined and found correct.

J. WESLEY SMITH, *Auditor*.

MARY S. RAY, *Treasurer*.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch was held in Truro, from Friday, September 30th, to Monday, October 3rd. For the first time our meeting extended over Sunday. The beautiful new church, which has risen Phoenix-like from the ashes of the former one, was the most convenient, cheerful, and best adapted to such gatherings, of any it has been our privilege to meet in. Fifty-six delegates answered to the roll call, and quite a number of visitors were present. We were honored in having with us our dear returned missionary, Miss Maggie Smith, from the Coqualeetza Home, British Columbia, who delighted and intensely interested all who heard her by the clear statement of facts, practical common-sense and loving consecrated spirit.

Interesting and helpful papers were read on the following subjects: "Some Hindrances to Interesting Monthly Meetings," "The Importance of Missionary Literature," "The Duties of Mission Band Officers"; and a question, viz., "What Shall be the Aim of our Branch in the Coming Year?" which had previously been submitted to the Auxiliaries for the answer, and which brought forth discussion and helpful thoughts from many of the delegates, proved one of the best features of our meeting. The true spirit of prayer and consecration pervaded all the devotional exercises, and the memorial and consecration services were "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Resolved,—"That we, the members of the Nova Scotia Branch, acknowledge with gratitude the beautiful greetings sent to our annual meeting by our beloved missionaries in the home and foreign fields; that we especially express our appreciation of the unselfish devotion of our returned missionaries in their efforts to extend the influence of the work of the W. M. S., and of the invaluable help they have been to us in our annual meetings."

The Mission Band public meeting on Friday evening, over which the Mission Band Secretary presided, as also the annual meeting on Sunday night, were both interesting and helpful. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Rogers, kindly permitted us to hold the Consecration and Communion service on Sunday afternoon, and that day was to all "a feast of fat things."

One unique feature of our meeting was the reception into our Branch of the Auxiliaries and Bands of Newfoundland. This was done by a few fitting words from the President, a standing vote, and the singing of the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds."

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The representative from Newfoundland, Mrs. (Rev.) L. Curtis, was then introduced, and spoke a few words of thanks for the hearty reception accorded her, and of the work and workers in Newfoundland.

The following resolutions were then presented :

Whereas, at the last annual meeting of the Board of Managers it was recommended that the Separate Auxiliaries of Newfoundland affiliate with the Nova Scotia Branch ; and whereas, the members of these Auxiliaries, after due consideration, have decided to accept the recommendation of the Board ; therefore

Resolved,—That we, the members of the Nova Scotia Branch at this, our fifteenth, annual meeting do now extend to our Newfoundland sisters a most cordial welcome to our ranks ; that we assure them of our sympathy and love as workers in a common cause, and we earnestly pray that this affiliation may be a bond of union which shall result in mutual strength and helpfulness, and the interests of our work in general.

Further resolved, That our Branch be hereafter known as the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

We were indebted to the choir of the church, also the Mission Circle, for very good music.

As we separated, all pronounced it one of the best Branch meetings we had ever held.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

- President* Mrs. S. E. Whiston, 297 Brunswick Street, Halifax.
- 1st Vice-President* Mrs. J. A. Rogers, Truro.
- 2nd Vice-President* Mrs. W. H. Heartz, Halifax.
- 3rd Vice-President* Mrs. L. Curtis, St. John's, Newfoundland.
- Corresponding Secretary* Mrs. J. Wesley Smith, " Fernbank," Halifax.
- Recording Secretary* Miss Belle Wiswall, South Farmington.
- Mission Band Secretary* Miss Marcia Braine, 24 Tower Road, Halifax.
- Treasurer* Miss Ray, c/o Brown and Webb, Halifax.
- Auditor* J. Wesley Smith, Halifax.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

- Annapolis* Mrs. (Rev.) J. Stothard, Bridgetown.
- Cumberland* Mrs. Millage Tuttle, Pugwash.
- Cape Breton* Mrs. (Rev.) C. Jost, Sydney.
- Liverpool* Mrs. (Rev.) O. Gronlund, Ritcey's Cove.
- Truro* Mrs. D. Gunn, Truro.
- Windsor* Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Ainley, Halifax.
- Yarmouth* Mrs. Quinlan, Shelburne.

DELEGATE TO BOARD MEETING.

- Mrs. J. A. Rogers.....Truro.

ALTERNATE.

- Mrs. D. Gunn.....Truro.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY, NOVA SCOTIA
BRANCH.

The Mission Band report is on the whole encouraging. Although we have to report a decrease in the number of our Bands, having now only forty-eight, yet we have an increase both in membership and funds. Much self-denial has been practised, for this has been a hard year financially, but the willing gifts of His children have poured into the Lord's treasury.

The Easter offering for the Jennie Ford Home amounted to \$78.08.

Five hundred and seventy-seven copies of *Palm Branch* are taken—an increase of fifty-six over last year—and many Bands have expressed their appreciation of this bright little paper.

Our public meeting during the Branch session was very successful. It was our privilege to have with us as a returned missionary, one of our Nova Scotia girls, Miss Maggie Smith, who told us of her work in the Coqualeetza Institute.

Two new Bands have been formed—the “Veazey” Band at Granville Ferry, and the “Willing Hand” Band at Somerset.

The annual statement is: 48 Circles and Bands, a decrease of 8; number of annual members, 1,052; number of life-members, 57; total membership, 1,109—increase, 211; income, \$1,125.65—increase, \$79.16.

MARCIA B. BRAINE.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS, NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

Mrs. T. N. Campbell	Ray of Light Band, Amherst.
“ A. V. Parker	Royal Workers' Band, Berwick.
“ Clark	Reapers' Circle, Halifax North.
“ M. O. Crowell	“ “ “
“ (Rev.) Flemming	“ “ “
“ A. G. Johnson	“ “ “
“ Lillie Ross	“ “ “
Miss Bessie Bell	“ “ “
“ Minnie Bell	“ “ “
“ Muriel Black	“ “ “
“ Ella Calkin	“ “ “
“ Lizzie Hills	“ “ “
“ Alice Knight	“ “ “
“ Annie Mitchell	“ “ “
“ Annie Starr	“ “ “
“ Bertha Starr	“ “ “
“ Lena Heartz	“ “ “
“ Laura Starr	“ “ “
“ Bessie Kline	“ “ “
Mrs. Joseph Hart	Coraline Circle, Halifax South.
“ S. G. Black	“ “ “
Miss Janie Cunningham	“ “ “
“ Katie Braine	“ “ “
“ Beta Braine	“ “ “
“ Mina Buckley	“ “ “
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Miss Carrie Cunningham	Robie Street, Halifax.

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Rev. A. C. Borden	Charles Street Circle, Halifax West.
Mrs. Borden	" " " "
Rev. Wm. Ainley	" " " "
Mrs. Ainley	" " " "
Miss Emily Alcorn	" " " "
" Kistou	Oxford Street Circle, Halifax West.
Mrs. W. R. Armstrong	Stars of Knight Band, Kingston.
" Robert Longley	Hopeful Band, Lawrencetown.
" J. H. Toole	" " " "
Miss Mabel Newcombe	" Maggie Smith " Circle, La Have Islands.
" Helena McKean	" " " "
Mrs. Phillips	Victoria Band, Middleton.
" Hennegar	" " " "
Miss L. Chipman	" " " "
" J. Young	" " " "
" W. Hawksworth	" " " "
Mr. Martin O. Tuttle	Downing Band, New Germany.
Miss Emma Tuttle	" " " "
Mrs. A. C. Quinlan	Silver Stream Circle, Shelburne.
Miss Ethel Buckley	Bridgewater.
" Minnie Buckley	" " " "
Mrs. M. K. Langille	First Methodist Circle, Truro.
Miss Florence Johnson	" " " "
Master John Johnson	Picquet Guard Band, South Farmington.
" Cecil Lawson Hagar	Shining Light Band, Round Bay.
Dr. Maud Kil am	Happy Thought Band, Yarmouth.
Miss Mary Crowell	" " " "
Master Bowman Crowell	" " " "
" Samuel Crowell	" " " "
Miss Alice Smith	Cheerful Workers' Band, Port Greville.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH, 1897-98.

PLACE.	BANDS.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life-members.	Amount received from Members' Fees.	Amount sent to Treasurer.	Easter Offering.
Auburn	Oak and Ivy	54	3	\$5 40	\$30 00	....
Amherst	Ray of Light	19	1	5 00	53 66	\$1 15
Avondale	The King's Own Circle	14	..	3 50	9 53	....
Barrington	Little Helpers	14	..	1 40	12 02	....
Bear River	Rope Holders	20	..	2 00	5 00	3 00
Berwick	Royal Workers	24	1	6 25	13 25	....
Bermuda	Lone Star	..	..	....	9 36	....
Bridgetown	Alcorn	19	..	1 90	14 56	10 00
Canso	Cunningham	9	..	2 25	4 99	0 70
Cape Negro	Joyous Workers' Circle	27	..	6 75	7 11	....
Crouse Town	Burpee	16	..	1 60	3 75	....
Dartmouth	Golden Rule Circle	9	..	2 25	2 25	....
"	Buds of Promise	55	..	13 75	50 00	....
Digby	Sunshine	13	..	3 25	5 95	....
Gabarus	Stepping Forward	23	..	2 30	10 20	....
Halifax North	Reapers' Circle	24	17	6 00	122 02	22 36
"	Gleaners	22	..	2 20	35 00	3 00
"	Coralline Circle	27	7	6 75	173 86	25 65
"	Kaye Street	..	..	....	....	....
"	Charles Street Circle	26	5	6 50	71 51	5 38
"	Oxford Street Circle	11	1	2 75	37 23
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Hantsport	Willing Helpers	12	..	3 00	8 00
Kingston	Stars of Knight	8	1	2 00	3 69

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Kingston	Stars of Knight	8	1	2 00	3 69	...
Lawrencetown	Hopeful	16	2	4 00	31 30	1 30
Lower Port la Tour	Ich Dien	..	..	....	10 29	...
Little Harbor	Harbor Bell	8	..	2 00	6 00	...
La Have Islands	Maggie Smith Circle	14	2	3 50	5 63	...
Middleton	Victoria	30	5	3 00	28 88	...
Musquodoboit	Morning Star	6	..	1 50	2 26	...
Nappan	Willing Workers' Circle	11	..	2 75	9 50	...
"	Dayspring	10	..	1 00	2 40	...
New Germany	Downing	13	2	3 75	10 12	...
"	Try Again	10	..	2 50	17 79	...
Port Greville	Cheerful Workers	26	1	6 50	6 61	...
Port Maitland	Rays of Sunlight	30	..	7 50	7 50	...
Ritcey's Cove	Blackmore	30	..	7 50	17 09	...
Red Head	Shining Light	8	1	2 00	15 00	...
Springhill	Jubilee	105	..	10 50	25 00	...
Shelburne	Silver Stream Circle	9	1	2 25	19 44	...
South Farmington	Picquet Guard	25	1	6 25	25 00	...
Truro	First Methodist Circle	9	2	2 25	30 42	2 60
Upper Port la Tour	Bonair Circle	47	..	11 75	16 00	...
West Dublin	C. M. Tate	17	..	4 25	5 35	...
Woodlawn	Woodlawn Workers	35	..	8 75	14 98	1 20
Wolfville	Evangeline	13	..	1 30	1 32	...
Yarmouth	Earnest Gleaners	60	..	6 00	51 50	...
"	Happy Thought	27	4	2 70	42 13	1 74
*Granville Ferry	Veazey	15	..	....	1 20	...
†Somerset	Willing Hand	32	..	3 20	40 00	...
Total		1052	57	\$193 50	\$1125 65	\$78 08

* Organized June 8th.

† Organized April.

NOTE.—As the figures sent to Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer do not always agree, the amount may not be the same as in the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH, 1898-99.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Amherst.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Ayer	Mrs. G. M. Doull.....	Mrs. W. B. Murdoch.
Auburn	" (Rev.) Jos. Gaetz	" Murphy	Miss Amy Musgrave.
Acadia Mines	" (Rev.) Wilson	" W. Slack	Mrs. G. Parsons.
Annapolis	" (Rev.) Moore	" Potter	" Hardwick.
Bridgetown	" (Rev.) Strothard	Miss Mary Dodge	" Ethel Davies.
Burlington	" M. Mix	Mrs. A. S. Sanford	" A. Harvie.
Bridgewater	" F. Buckley	" Jodray	" Bent.
Barrington	" (R. v.) C. H. Huestis	Miss M. A. Fox	Miss Pinkham.
Berwick	" Hilbert	" Taylor	Mrs. Ilisley.
Bermuda	" D. Dickinson	" S. E. Bascomb	Miss E. Hartnett.
Cape Negro	" J. F. Swain	Mrs. H. Sholds	Mrs. D. Matheson.
Canning	" Hubley	" (Rev.) A. B. Higgins.....	" S. Sheffield.
Canso	" C. B. Dunham	" W. Chittick	" A. M. Hart.
Dartmouth	" W. L. Tuttle	Miss Latherne	" Tufts.
Digby	" (Rev.) Evans	Mrs. W. G. England	" J. Letteney.
Grafton	" Wm. Bowles	" R. Rockwell	Miss L. White.
Granville Ferry	" (Rev.) J. W. Giles	" A. D. Messinger	Mrs. S. Groves.
Guysboro'	" Wm. D. Barres	" G. E. Buckley	" G. E. Jost.
Halifax—North	" (Rev.) Heartz	" Megeney	" Crease.
" —South	" E. Hart	" E. A. Smith	" F. Woodill.
" —West	" J. W. Smith	" A. M. Bell	Miss M. E. Hills.
Horton	" Bowser	" Woodman	" Jessie Curry.
Hantsport	" J. M. Fisher	" Toye	" J. A. Taylor.
Hillsburg (Bear River)	" A. W. Dunn	" C. C. Rice	Mrs. H. Wright.
Kingston	" L. High	" W. Armstrong	Miss G. V. Foster.
La Have Islands	" T. Greene	Miss L. Coffin	Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Coffin.
Lawrencetown	" (Rev.) Astbury	Mrs. J. W. Whitman	" J. Morgan.
Liverpool		" J. C. Ogden	Miss Ida Smith.
Lunenburg	Mrs. (Rev.) B. Hills	" Wm. Zwicker	Mrs. W. Emino.

Musquodoboit (Middle)	Mrs. W. C. Perry	Mrs. W. Layton	Mrs. Thos. Guild.
Middleton	" (Rev.) Wm. Brown	" G. A. North	" J. L. Sponagle.
New Germany	" (Rev.) A. Tuttle	" H. Palmer	" G. De Long.
Newport	"		

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New Germany	" (Rev.) A. Tuttle	" H. Palmer	" G. De Long.
Newport	" (Rev.) A. Daniels	" M. Smith	Miss Johnson.
Nappan	" Rufus Lowther	" J. E. Roach	Mrs. Albert Smith.
Nictaux	" E. D. Baker	Miss Bessie A. Drew	" David Ward.
Oxford	" (Rev.) J. L. Dawson	" Annie Thompson	Miss E. Lockhart.
Pugwash	" Dakin	Mrs. (Rev.) R. Williams	" L. Daniel.
Port Greville	" Wrenwick	Miss M. Pettis	Mrs. A. Hatfield.
Pictou	" E. Mack	" Agnes Fraser	Miss Lily Wisener.
Parrsboro'	" Fullerton	Mrs. D. K. Holmes	Mrs. Nicholls.
Ritcey's Cove	" (Rev.) Grönlund	Miss Effie Ritcey	Miss M. Ritcey.
Shelburne	" A. D. Morton	Mrs. Deinstadt	Mrs. Atwood.
Sydney	" C. Jost	Miss M. Burns	" J. E. Birchall.
Springhill	" (Rev.) John Gee	Mrs. Phelan	" Cooper.
Truro	" (Rev.) J. A. Rogers	" D. Gunn	" W. Beck.
South Farmington		Miss Belle Wiswall	
Wallace	Mrs. C. W. Morris	" M. E. Charman	Mrs. Geo. Battys.
Wallace Bay	" (Rev.) G. W. Tuttle	" Alice M. Tuttle	" R. Brown.
Windsor	" (Rev.) Wm. Phillips	" A. D. Mosher	Miss J. H. Smith.
Wolfville	" Hemmeon	Mrs. M. E. Rice	" Bessie Webster.
Yarmouth (Providence)	" Beveridge	Miss Anne Lovett	Mrs. J. McConnell.
" (Milton)	" John Young	Mrs. S. A. Crowell	" Benj. Davis.

LIFE-MEMBERS OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

Amherst	Mrs. Davison.	Halifax South	Mrs. Spencer (Sadie Hart).
"	Mrs. Donkin.	"	Mr. R. T. Braine.
Annapolis	Mrs. E. B. Moore.	"	Mrs. R. T. Braine.
Bridgetown	Mrs. J. Strothard.	"	Miss Braine.
Canning	Miss R. Lockwood.	"	Miss Katie Braine.
Canso	Mrs. C. B. Dunham.	"	Miss Beta Braine.
"	Mrs. C. H. Whitman.	"	Miss Annie Braine.
"	Mrs. A. W. Hart.	"	Miss Winnifred Braine.
Dartmouth	Miss Laidlaw.	"	Mr. Laurence Braine.
"	Mrs. S. Black.	"	Miss Crane.
"	Mrs. Woodbury.	"	Miss C. L. Crane.
"	Mrs. Troop.	"	Miss E. Crane.
"	Miss F. Black.	"	Miss G. A. Paisley.
"	Miss M. Black.	"	Miss L. Paisley.
Digby	Mrs. Evans.	"	Miss K. Large (Japan).
Guysboro'	Mrs. Jas. H. Buckley.	"	Miss L. Hart (Japan).
"	Mrs. Geo. E. Buckley.	"	Miss Lena Woodill.
Horton	Mrs. F. Curry.	"	Miss Janie Cunningham (Japan).
Halifax North	Mrs. S. F. Huestis.	"	Mr. W. Woodbury.
"	Mrs. Whiston.	"	Mr. R. Woodbury.
"	Mrs. Schwartz.	Halifax West	Mrs. J. W. Smith.
"	Mrs. J. Starr.	"	Mrs. A. Hart.
"	Miss Ray.	"	Mrs. Ainley.
"	Mrs. R. Ross.	Hillsburg	Mrs. I. D. Vroom.
"	Miss Hawkins.	"	Mrs. G. F. Johnson.
"	Miss Black.	Middleton	Mrs. Wm. Brown.
Halifax South	Mrs. J. Hart.	New Germany	Mrs. A. Tuttle.
"	Mrs. Adams.	Oxford	Mrs. J. L. Dawson.
"	Mrs. T. W. Smith.	"	Miss E. Lockhart.
"	Mrs. Barss.	Pictou	Mrs. Louise McArthur.
"	Mrs. Jost.	Pugwash	Mrs. Millage Tuttle.
"	Mrs. Cunningham.	Shelburne	Mrs. W. J. M. Gill.
"	Mrs. G. Starr.	Sydney	Mrs. C. Jost.
"	Mrs. Anderson.	"	Miss Brookman.
"	Mrs. F. G. Parker.	Truro	Mrs. J. A. Rogers.
"	Mrs. Woodill.	"	Mrs. J. B. Black.
"	Mrs. Duffield.	"	Miss Blackmore.
"	Mrs. Paisley.	Windsor	Mrs. T. B. Smith.
"	Mrs. Longard.	"	Mrs. Sargent.
"	Mrs. Wier.	Yarmouth (Providence)—	
"	Mrs. Crowe.		Mrs. E. E. England.
"	Mr. W. B. McCoy.		Miss Mary Lovett.
"	Mr. H. F. S. Paisley.		Mrs. Crosby.
"	Mrs. Richardson (Miss Silver).	Yarmouth (Wesley)—	
"	Mrs. Walker (Miss Agnes Knight).		Mrs. Young.
"	Mrs. Buckley.		Mrs. S. A. Crowell.
"	Mrs. A. F. Buckley.		Mrs. H. Hood.
"	Mrs. A. H. Buckley.		Mrs. Geo. Cook.
"	Mrs. Geo. Hart.		Mrs. Hugh Cann.
"	Mrs. H. Woodbury.		Mrs. D. W. Johnson.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In closing this year we are filled with thankfulness for the increased efficiency of our Branch organization. There are more women to-day giving systematic work to our Society than in any former hour of its history. When with the knowledge of how best to work we shall have the entire consecration of the talents of our women, we will be nearing our Branch ideal of pleasing service.

Miss Veazey did good work for us; she organized as well as strengthened the societies. Her visits to our District conventions were greatly appreciated; she was everywhere gladly received, possessing in a marked degree that indispensable missionary qualification—tact.

It is our pleasing duty to report that through a generous bequest of a member of our Branch, the Mary T. Bonser missionary scholarship has been founded at Mount Allison University, and that henceforth help from this source will be available for our candidates.

Five hundred and one *Outlooks* are subscribed for in the Branch, 748 mite-boxes in use, and 1,009 *Letters* are taken.

We report new Auxiliaries at Oromocto, Pleasant Valley, Buctouche, Canterbury, Crapaud and Old Ridge.

		Increase.
Number of Auxiliaries	81	3
“ Annual members	1,634	83
“ Life-members	93	7
“ Circles and Bands	56	..
“ Circle and Band members	1,270	..
Amounts raised by Circles and Bands	\$1,252 02	..
“ sent to General Treasurer	5,255 45	\$335 30

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH, 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Lite-Members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount raised by Auxiliaries.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Charlottetown District—							
Charlottetown—First Church . . .	52	13	20	12	1	\$146 50	\$160 10
—Grace Church . . .	23	1	8	12	3	69 78	82 78
Cherry Valley	23	..	..	..	..	68 20	68 20
Cornwall	37	..	8	12	2	123 86	145 52
Highfield	11	..	5	10	1	19 97	24 35
Montagne	12	..	6	10	..	23 75	26 98
Mount Herbert	14	..	6	9	2	40 32	40 32
Murray Harbor	41	..	7	11	..	59 90	75 92
Pownal	33	1	11	12	1	53 28	71 28
Union	18	4	6	9	1	70 55	88 85
Vernon River	9	1	6	9	1	24 50	24 50
Vernon River North	6	..	4	9	1	10 00	10 00
Winsloe	11	..	7	10	4	46 77	52 02
York	22	..	6	11	2	30 25	45 45
North Wiltshire	12	..	7	8	..	24 75	24 75
Fredericton District—							
Caverhill	10	..	5	9	..	12 46	20 00
Fredericton	60	4	24	12	2	209 15	284 13
Gagetown	11	..	5	7	..	19 52	19 52
Keswick	5	..	4	7	..	7 46	7 46
Oromocto	7	..	5	10	1	8 59	8 59
Sheffield	17	2	7	12	1	53 86	53 86
Tay	12	..	5	8	..	20 67	20 67
Chatham District—							
Bathurst	20	1	7	12	2	45 31	101 76
Buctouche	11	..	8	12	1	16 45	24 45
Campbellton	16	..	7	7	..	28 00	28 00
Chatham	12	..	5	8	..	32 35	32 35
Harcourt	14	..	4	7	..	34 31	34 31
Richibucto	18	..	5	10	1	43 41	43 41
Salmon Beach	8	..	4	6	..	12 10	12 10
Moncton District—							
Hopewell Hill	16	..	7	11	1	29 00	29 00
Moncton—Central	30	2	14	12	2	118 37	197 12
—Wesley Memorial	20	..	8	12	9	55 56	68 01
Pleasant Vale	6	..	3	5	1	10 57	13 90
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.
BRANCH, 1897-98—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life-Members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount raised by Auxiliaries.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Sackville District—							
Baie Verte.....	21	..	7	12	2	\$34 72	\$53 35
Bayfield	18	..	9	11	1	29 11	29 11
Bristol	12	..	8	14	..	19 00	19 00
Jolicure	14	..	8	12	1	26 00	26 00
Point de Bute.....	18	..	8	12	1	27 29	52 31
Port Elgin.....	8	..	5	12	..	8 73	8 73
Sackville	49	10	21	12	2	167 43	258 01
Sackville Upper.....	22	..	10	12	..	40 65	40 65
St. Stephen District—							
St. Stephen	69	5	18	12	11	186 10	209 72
Old Ridge	11	..	..	..	..	26 86	26 86
St. John District—							
Berwick	13	1	7	8	1	25 46	209 72
Carsonville.....	7	..	7	12	..	8 67	8 67
Hampton	16	..	7	5	1	26 34	29 24
Newtown	11	..	..	5	1	7 60	7 60
Passekeag	14	..	5	6	1	18 97	18 97
St. John—Carleton.....	35	1	8	10	3	48 90	48 90
—Centenary	70	12	23	10	2	227 04	410 04
—Exmouth Street	38	1	10	12	2	65 21	140 75
—Portland Street	57	..	17	12	5	137 78	180 38
—Queen Square	36	4	..	10	2	109 59	118 51
Sussex	25	..	7	10	1	43 98	47 69
Woodstock District—							
Benton	9	..	5	9	1	11 40	13 69
Bloomfield	12	..	5	12	1	25 70	29 74
Centreville.....	17	..	7	11	1	38 25	40 00
Jacksonville	16	..	6	12	1	30 36	55 62
Kilburn	17	..	7	12	..	39 00	39 00
Northampton	5	..	..	..	..	5 00	5 00
Richmond	18	1	13	12	2	68 87	68 87
Upper Kent	8	..	4	11	..	21 00	21 00
Waterville.....	6	..	4	12	..	4 00	4 00
Williamstown	4	..	..	..	..	4 00	4 00
Woodstock	27	5	15	12	2	91 12	128 78
Canterbury	7	..	..	..	..	11 64	11 64

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.
BRANCH, 1897-98—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life Members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount raised by Auxiliaries.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Summerside District—							
Alberton	19	..	7	12	1	\$45 39	\$74 67
Bedeque	37	12	11	12	1	219 09	279 40
Cape Traverse	12	2	6	9	..	28 00	28 00
Crapaud	13	..	10	10	1	29 19	29 19
Fifteen Point	8	..	5	12	1	16 33	16 33
Kensington	17	1	7	12	1	48 12	90 05
Margate	11	..	7	11	1	21 91	44 29
Montrose	8	..	5	..	1	15 38	15 38
Pleasant Valley	10	..	6	12	..	16 00	16 00
Scarletown	28	1	12	10	..	70 50	90 00
Summerside	44	..	12	12	12	94 91	119 91
Tryon	25	5	9	12	2	117 24	117 24
Victoria	17	3	11	11	3	67 52	72 03
West Cape	20	..	12	12	1	59 76	72 88
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirteenth annual meeting of this Branch convened at Fredericton, October 5th, and was one of the largest in our history. Nine officers, six organizers and fifty-seven delegates responded to the roll-call. Wednesday morning, in the Methodist Sabbath School-room, Mrs. Chipman, in words of kindly greetings, opened the convention, and business was conducted according to programme. We welcomed two of our returned missionaries, Misses Burpee and M. Smith, of Chilliwack, and extended usual privileges of Convention. Auxiliaries and Bands reported through their organizers, and showed great interest and zeal all along the line. Many valuable papers on Organizers' work were read and discussed.

The public meeting was full of interest. President gave an admirable address on the work on the fields, with an earnest appeal for greater efforts. Mission Band Banner was awarded to "Torch Bearers," St. Stephen, for greatest increase in membership. Consecration meeting, solemn and effective, was led by Mrs. Thompson, after which the members partook of the Holy Communion. An invitation for next year to Charlottetown was accepted. Delegates to Board—Miss Henderson, St. John; Mrs. B. Coulthard, Fredericton; Mrs. Goff, Charlottetown.

OFFICERS, 1898-99.

- President* Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen.
- 1st Vice-President* Mrs. Macmichael, St. John.
- 2nd Vice-President* Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson, Charlottetown.
- 3rd Vice-President* Mrs. Hartt, Sackville.
- Recording Secretary* Miss Hattie Stewart, Sackville.
- Corresponding Secretary* Miss F. E. Palmer, St. John.
- Treasurer* Mrs. C. Strong, Summerside, P.E.I.
- Mission Band Cor. Sec* Mrs. W. B. Coulthard, Fredericton.
- Auditor* Mrs. J. E. Reid, ~~T~~on, P.E.I.

(Signed) J. H. MACMICHAEL, *Rec. Sec.*

St. John, October 13th, 1898.

ORGANIZERS.

- Charlottetown* Miss Hyde.
- Woodstock* Miss May Harron.
- St. John* Mrs. Hickson.
- Fredericton* Mrs. M. Ackerly.
- Moncton* Mrs. M. Elman.
- Summerside* Mrs. Trueman.
- Sackville* Mrs. Hartt.
- Chatham* Mrs. Windsor.
- St. Stephen* Mrs. Rice.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF N. B. & P. E. I. BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

1897-98.		
From Auxiliaries and Mission Bands	\$5326	85
Collections at Branch meeting	25	19
Donation from Mrs. Crombie	16	00
Balance on hand from last year	7	05
	—————	\$5375 09

EXPENDITURE.

1897-98.		
Corresponding Secretary's postage, etc.	\$32	48
Band Corresponding Secretary's postage, etc.	5	43
Treasurer's cards, postage, etc.	7	25
Organizers' Outfit	5	52
Printing Schedules, Satin, etc.	5	33
Telegrams	2	09
Travelling Expenses of Officers	35	61
Cost of Bank Drafts to General Treasurer	5	31
Janitor at Branch	5	75
Cash on hand	14	87
	—————	119 64
Remittance to General Treasurer, 1st Quarter	\$539	67
" " " 2nd "	727	29
" " " 3rd "	1295	85
" " " 4th "	2692	64
	—————	5255 45
Total	\$5375	09

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Total members' fees	\$1634	37
" Life-members' fees	225	00
" Mission Bands	1252	02
" Public meetings	462	45
" Mite-boxes	592	32
" Easter offerings	694	93
" Donations	438	72
" Scattered Helpers	10	23
" Bequests	7	50
" Other sources	242	06
	—————	\$5559 60
Total raised	\$5559	60
Total sent Branch Treasurer	\$5375	09

MARIA STRONG, Treasurer.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS OF DONATIONS.

Mount Allison Band for girl in Japan	\$47	17
Mrs. Crombie's donation for Kanazawa Orphanage	16	00
Murray Harbor Sunday School birthday-box for Hospital in China ..	2	89
Miss Hutchings, in memory of Harry, Hospital in China	24	00
" " " Willie Tait, Hospital in China	1	00
Miss Millbery, in memory of her brother	20	00
Bedeque for French work	11	00
Bedeque Auxiliary for Chinese work	11	70
In memory of Miss Barrett and Mrs. Cowperthwaite	5	90

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REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

While we are not able to report great things in this department of work, we feel grateful for the success that has attended the labors of our young people, and we realize that they are being educated to give systematically. Marked interest has been shown in the Jennie Ford Home, and nearly all the Bands have contributed something towards it.

New Bands have been organized at Buctouche, Chelton, Caverhill, Leonardville, Milltown and Exmouth Street Church, St. John; but five have dropped out for various reasons, and one—"Buds of Promise," Old Ridge—has been changed into an Auxiliary, therefore our number remains unchanged.

Number of Bands.....	56
" Annual members	1,203
" Life-members	67
Total amount raised.....	\$1,252 02

IRENE TURNER.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

ALBERTON, "Rill and River."—Edmund Dignan, Sarah Dignan, S. Alice Dignan, Dora Dignan, Edward Dignan, Bertie Bryan, Laura Bryan, Emma Gard, Susan Gard, Joshua McDonald—10.

BEDEQUE, "Perseverance."—Mrs. H. E. Vickerson, Mattie S. Vickerson, Louise Schurman, Lottie Wright, Mary Wright, Ettie Schurman, Priscilla Schurman—7.

CHARLOTTETOWN, "Wesley."—Annie Johnson, Mrs. P. S. McNutt, Mrs. G. M. Campbell—3.

CHARLOTTETOWN, "Earnest Workers."—May Kirby, Willie Kirby—2.

FREDERICTON, "X. L."—Gertrude Coulthard, Lou Fisher, Edith Davies, Minnie McComb—4.

FREDERICTON, "Ladies' Circle."—Hannah P. Thompson—1.

MARYSVILLE, "Active Workers."—Clara G. Turner—1.

MONCTON, "Do What We Can."—Mrs. Mary Norfolk, Mrs. W. E. Sherard, Georgie Sherard, Mrs. Arthur Robinson, M. Winnifred Forbes, Benj. Toombs, Carrie Chapman—7.

OLD RIDGE, "Buds of Promise."—Ediza Milbury—1.

SACKVILLE, "Ready Helpers."—Miss Hattie Stewart, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Smith, Alice Harrison, Lillian Hart, May Hart, Chrissie Fairley, Miss Alice Hart, Miss Rose Bryant, Miss Katie Brecken—10.

SACKVILLE, "Mount Allison."—Bessie Alcorn, May Jost—2.

ST. JOHN, "Hiraiwa Circle."—Mrs. Spence, Miss Bartlett, Miss S. E. Smith—3.

ST. JOHN, "King's Messengers."—Mr. Joseph Allison, Mrs. Joseph Allison—2.

ST. JOHN, "Excelsior."—Mrs. T. Bullock, Miss Belle Thompson, Mrs. J. B. Gough, Minnie V. Robertson—4.

ST. JOHN, "Star," Miss Fannie Magee—1.

SEARLETON, "Anchor of Hope."—Mrs. Lewis Trueman, Mrs. George Wright, Nina Lowther—3.

SUMMERSIDE, "Happy Workers."—Mrs. Chas. Strong—1.

EAST ROYALTY, "Royal Workers."—Mrs. James Essory—1.

ST. STEPHEN, "Torch Bearers."—Connie Chipman, John H. Chipman, M. Abbie Veazey—3.

VICTORIA, "Busy Bees."—Mrs. Norman Wright—1.

Total number of life-members, 67.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, 1897-98.

BANDS.	NAMES OF BANDS.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount paid Auxiliary Treasurer during year.
Alberton	Rill and River.....	43	..	3	\$29 28
Baie Verte.....	Glad Tidings	20	..	1	18 63
Bathurst	Try Again	18	2	..	21 00
Bedeque	Perseverance.....	47	3	..	55 03
Bideford.....	Sadie Spencer .....	..	..	..	....
Benton	Sadie Hart	15	..	..	2 29
Bloomfield	Mayflower	20	8	..	4 04
*Buctouche	F. E. Palmer	32	32	..	8 00
Centreville.....	Shining Star.....	12	..	3	1 75
*Chelton .....	.....	11	11	..	5 28
Charlottetown	Coqualeetza	50	..	..	13 60
" Grace Church	Earnest Workers	40	6	..	13 00
*Caverhill .....	.....	..	..	..	7 54
Cornwall	Onward.....	28	2	..	21 65
Fredericton	X. L.	42	30	..	36 84
"	Ladies' Circle.....	17	5	..	38 14
Hampton	Day Star	6	..	6	2 90
Highfield	Pleasant Hours	8	..	8	4 38
Hopewell Hill	Missionary Star .....	..	..	..	....
Jacksonville	Friendly Workers	23	..	1	25 26
Kensington	Ruby.....	35	..	5	41 93
Little York	Day Spring	14	..	10	15 20
*Leonardville	Veazey	8	8	..	1 00
Margate	Sunbeam	25	..	..	22 38
Maryville	Active Workers	47	22	..	4 70
*Milltown	Vineyard Workers.....	31	31	..	9 25
Moncton, Central.....	Do What We Can	64	..	..	78 75
" Wesley Memorial	Help A Little	40	10	..	12 45
Montague	Loyal Workers	18	..	..	3 23
Murray Harbor	Dawning Light	44	4	..	16 02
Newtown	Lucas and Hamilton .....	..	..	..	....
Point de Bute.....	Cartmell.....	14	1	..	25 02
Portland.....	Jessie Chipman	40	..	4	42 60
Pownal	Lavinia Clarke	29	3	..	18 00
Pleasant Vale	Snow Drop	23	4	..	3 33
Sackville	Ready Helpers	38	..	..	50 58
"	White Violet	30	18	..	40 00
"	Mount Allison.....	46	..	..	47 17
Searletown	Anchor of Hope	21	..	5	19 50
Shediac	Snowball	17	8	..	8 79
St. John, Centenary	Haraiwa Circle.....	19	..	1	113 00

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, 1897-98—
Continued.

BANDS.	NAMES OF BANDS.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount paid Auxiliary Treasurer during year.
St. John, Centenary ...	King's Messengers....	42	..	..	\$70 00
" Queen Square.	Excelsior	14	..	..	8 92
" Exmouth St..	Star Circle.....	28	..	6	71 51
" * " ..	Star Junior	9	9	..	4 05
" Carmarthan St.	Cheerful Toilers.....	17	1	..	19 29
St. Stephen	Torch Bearers.....	64	51	..	23 62
"	Ledge Circle	20	3	..	30 12
Summerside	Happy Workers.....	30	16	..	25 00
Sussex.....	Never Give Up.....	18	..	..	3 71
Teteagouche	Forest Home.....	29	..	2	35 45
Union Road	Union.....	10	..	..	18 30
Victoria	Busy Bees	20	1	..	4 51
Winsloe	Skylark	11	..	..	5 25
West Cape.....	Star of Hope	10	3	..	13 12
Woodstock	Ella Dobson.....	13	..	7	37 66
Total.....		1270	292	62	\$1252 02

* New Band.

Auxiliary Treasurer during year.
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MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

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MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1897-98.

Another year of work done for the Master has closed, and in taking a review of its record, we see much which calls for our deepest gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father, for although we have been unable to extend the work as much as we hoped, owing to the varied difficulties of this North-West country, yet we have sure evidence that interest and zeal in our beloved work is growing and spreading, many reporting that no department of church enterprise has done more to develop the spirituality of its members than the Woman's Missionary Society.

Our Treasurer's statement again shows a considerable increase in our funds over that raised last year, and "Systematic Giving" is becoming more generally adopted by our members and congregations.

Number of Auxiliaries	24	
" Annual members	451	Increase 89
" Life-members	10	
" Mission Circles and Bands	6	
" Members	193	Increase 49
Total amount raised	\$1469 03	
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Increase.....	\$318 22	

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Manitoba and North-West Conference Branch was held in Grace Church, Winnipeg, beginning with a public meeting on the evening of May 31st, 1898, and continuing throughout June 1st and 2nd. At roll-call on the morning of June 1st, all officers were found to be in their places, and the attendance of delegates was larger than at any previous meeting.

After devotional exercises and the formation of the various committees necessary to the proper transaction of business, reports from Auxiliaries were given. These all indicated a deepening interest in the work and a determination to continue to prosecute the same, even under (in some cases) discouraging circumstances.

The consecration and sacramental service was conducted by the Rev. S. Cleaver, assisted by Rev. W. Bridgman, when those present readily testified to the joy experienced in service for the Master.

The afternoon sessions were largely attended, many visitors being present. The greetings from sister societies proved to be of unusual interest, and many helpful suggestions were thrown out by the various speakers. A short address was given by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, lately returned from mission work in Japan; and a letter from Miss Hargrave, now engaged in the work there, which possessed special interest for the members of this Branch, was read, conveying her affectionate greetings and sketching in part her daily work in that far-away land.

The Corresponding Secretary reported a membership of 461, and the Mission Band Secretary a membership of 193, making a total of 654. The Treasurer reported an increase in funds of nearly \$300, and the Literature Secretary and Treasurer that interest in the Branch depot was increasing. The Branch Organizer, Mrs. (Rev.) Huntsman, who is also Superintendent of Systematic Giving, stated that although she could not report having organized any new Auxiliaries during the year, still a good deal of seed-sowing had been done which she felt sure would yet result in this being accomplished. Greater interest than ever before is shown in Systematic Giving as evidenced by eighty members reported as giving in this way.

At the memorial service, conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) J. Semmens, it was found that four members had been promoted to higher service during the year. Part of one afternoon session was devoted to a "Workers' Conference," in which a very lively interest was taken. Many matters of interest to the workers were freely and informally discussed, and good to the work will undoubtedly result. A paper by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dolsen, titled "Notes of Board Meeting," evoked a great deal of interest, and was found to be a very pleasing and profitable change introduced into the customary routine of business.

The awarding of the two banners by the Banner Committee resulted as follows: The Auxiliary one went to Beulah, and that of the Mission Circles and Bands to Moose Jaw. All notices of motion were very fully discussed and passed upon.

What this annual gathering does for individual members cannot be estimated, but increased spirituality is aimed at from year to year and greater zeal in the work of winning the world for Christ. Large audiences gathered for the three evening programmes, which were unusually good. The music throughout was inspiring and helpful. On the first evening the chair was occupied by Rev. S. Cleaver, pastor of the church. The President, Mrs. G. H. Young, gave her annual address, which was replete with facts relative to the

work and full of suggestive thoughts for the workers. The beautiful address of welcome by Mrs. W. H. Culver, of Winnipeg, was responded to, on behalf of the delegates, by Mrs. Rorison, of Moose Jaw. Then came a Mission Band exercise by Zion Church Mission Band, and a paper on the work of Mission Circles and Bands, by Mrs. Jackson, all of which elicited the interest of the audience in a marked degree.

A beautiful banner, donated by Mrs. J. H. Ashdown, to be awarded the Auxiliary making the largest percentage of increase in membership and funds during the year, was accepted on behalf of the Branch by the President.

On the second evening the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carcary, gave a condensed report of the year's work, and grand missionary addresses were given by Revs. S. Cleaver, L. Gaetz, and the honored Secretary of the General Board, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.

On the third evening the meeting was under the auspices of Grace Church Auxiliary, when addresses were given by those now active in mission work on the mission fields of this North-West country, Rev. J. McDougall in the chair. These addresses were of a most stirring character, and a great many facts connected with the Indian work in this country were brought out.

The interest of the audience resulted in a collection amounting to \$31.75, which is to be devoted to medical work at Norway House.

The officers for the year were all re-elected, and are as follows :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. G. H. Young, 550 Norte Dame Ave., Winnipeg.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. Semmens, Brandon.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Harrison, Boissevain.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) G. Dean, Portage la Prairie.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. S. Carcary, 487 Logan Avenue, Winnipeg.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. G. P. Dolsen, 592 Ross Avenue, Winnipeg.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Miss Kate Nixon, 217 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) Abbott, Fort Frances, Ont.
<i>Lit. Secretary and Treasurer</i> ..	Mrs. N. F. Calder, Smith St., Winnipeg.
<i>Organizer</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) Huntsman, Binscarth.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mrs. J. B. Somerset, Winnipeg.

C. E. DOLSEN, *Rec. Sec.*

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**TREASURER'S REPORT OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST
CONFERENCE BRANCH.**

For year ending April 30th, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

From Auxiliaries	\$1,069 01	
“ Mission Bands	334 74	
“ Auxiliaries after books closed	11 40	
“ Collections at Branch Meetings	53 25	
“ Balance from last year	3 57	
“ Interest on deposit	4 91	
		\$1,476 38

EXPENDITURE.

Drafts to General Treasurer	\$1,327 90	
Exchange on drafts	3 00	
Literature	2 67	
Postage and printing	19 71	
Delegates' expenses to Branch Meeting	117 60	
Balance on hand	1 00	
Sexton Grace Church, Winnipeg	5 00	
		\$1,476 88

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Grace Church Mission Circle, Orphanage in Kanazawa	\$30 00
Zion Church Mission Band, “ “	30 00
Grace Church Sunday School, Grace Endo Fund	50 00
Moose Jaw Mission Band, Orphanage in Kanazawa	50 00
Calgary Auxiliary, Jennie Ford Home	24 10
Glenboro' “ “ “ “	2 05
Roland “ “ “ “	50 00
Moose Jaw Mission Band, Jennie Ford Home	11 00
Macdonald “ “ “ “ “	6 30

Audited and found correct.

ELIZABETH S. SOMERSET.

F. KATE NIXON,

Branch Treasurer.

STATEMENT FROM TREASURER OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.

	Annual Mem- bers' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Epworth Leagues.	Public Meetings, Net Proceeds.	Mite-boxes.	Donations and Thank-offer- ings.	Scattered Helpers.	Other sources.	Expenses.	Total Amount Raised.	Total Amount sent Treasurer.
Winnipeg, Grace Church	\$49 50	..	\$81 30	\$5 50	\$19 36	\$5 10	\$57 22	\$0 95	\$51 00	\$7 11	\$268 98	\$261 87
" Zion Church	32 00	..	09 29	..	11 63	5 91	22 25	..	7 85	4 95	149 88	144 93
" Young Church	19 00	..	..	..	6 00	..	6 30	..	1 60	9 95	32 90	22 95
Brandon	34 98	\$25 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 35	0 83	61 58	60 75
Portage la Prairie	11 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 75	..	23 14	23 14
Calgary	11 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 98	3 96	46 08	42 12
Medicine Hat	12 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 75	12 75
Beulah	24 50	..	4 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 40	53 47	53 07
Holland	18 00	..	..	..	8 35	..	..	..	0 25	3 35	36 45	33 10
Cypress River	9 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	17 00	17 00
Boisavein	12 25	..	..	..	8 45	..	..	..	8 75	4 70	40 02	35 32
Carman	14 25	..	0 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 07	21 02	20 95
Hartney	17 25	..	..	..	18 00	..	..	..	..	9 25	47 25	38 00
Macdonald	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41 49	31 65
(Menboro)	21 00	..	13 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 65	31 65
Melgund	22 00	..	..	..	16 25	..	..	..	2 05	3 26	44 75	41 49
Miami	10 00	..	7 00	..	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	95 25	95 25
Crystal City	17 00	..	..	1 50	..	..	..	..	0 80	0 80	21 90	21 10
Minnedosa	8 00	..	..	..	21 80	..	..	..	..	..	45 80	45 35
Moose Jaw	22 00	..	160 05	12 85	9 01	..	..	..	7 65	1 72	47 86	46 14
Souris	23 00	..	..	..	6 50	..	..	..	3 40	6 15	195 00	188 85
Roland	35 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 75	0 48	64 95	64 47
Birtle	1 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 60	4 60	89 60	85 00
Rat Portage	9 25	..	..	..	1 75	..	..	..	3 25	3 25	1 50	1 50
Total	\$449 73	\$25 25	\$334 74	\$19 85	\$146 65	\$132 56	\$238 53	\$13 69	\$108 03	\$65 28	\$1469 03	\$1403 75

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Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

MANITOBA AND N.-W. CONFERENCE BRANCH.

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Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Dean; 1st V.-Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Halstead; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Ruttan; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Walton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. M. Fretz; Treas., Mrs. Woodside. Annual members, 13.

BRANDON.

Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Woodsworth; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Semmens; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Leach; Rec. Sec., Mrs. E. H. Johnson; Cor. Sec., Miss L. McKenzie; Treas., Mrs. Burchill. Annual members, 40.

CRYSTAL CITY.

Pres., Mrs. (Hon.) T. Greenway; V.-Pres., Mrs. *L. Manning; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jas. McNamee; Cor. Sec., Mrs. (Rev.) F. B. Stacey; Treas., Mrs. F. Oke. Annual members, 22.

GLENBORO.

Pres., Mrs. W. H. Moore; V.-Pres., Mrs. G. B. Andrews; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. C. Flatt; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. B. Mathers; Treas., Mrs. J. W. Morrow. Annual members, 21.

MELGUND.

Pres., Mrs. M. E. Callander; V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Jackson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. H. McGaffin; Cor. Sec., Miss M. J. White; Treas., Mrs. J. Doupe. Annual members, 22.

CYPRESS RIVER.

Pres., Mrs. T. W. Adams; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Stevens; Treas., Mrs. E. M. Adams. Annual members, 13.

BOISSEVAIN.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Harrison; V.-Pres., Mrs. T. Johnson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fuller; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. N. Ireland; Treas., Mrs. Vrooman. Annual members, 14.

MINNEDOSA.

Pres., Mrs. Henry; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Thos. Boyd; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Long; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. M. J. Clarke; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. McNeil; Cor. Sec., Miss May Hilliard; Treas., Mrs. W. Wright. Annual members, 9.

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Pres. Mrs. J. Dolmage; V.-Pres., Mrs. C. F. Krieger; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. A. August; Cor. Sec., Miss Leila Grant; Treas., Mrs. R. Mitchell. Annual members, 23.

RAT PORTAGE.

Pres., Mrs. Yates; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Craig; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Weidman; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. H. Clark; Cor. Sec., Miss J. M. McGimsie; Treas., Mrs. C. E. Needs. Annual members, 10.

MIAMI.

Pres., Miss A. Young; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. A. Collins; Treas., Mrs. Jas. Howe. Annual members, 11.

CARMAN.

Pres., Mrs. J. B. Hugg; V.-Pres., Mrs. E. Woodruff; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. Laidlaw; Treas., Mrs. R. Woods. Annual members, 15.

MACDONALD.

Pres., Miss E. Scott; V.-Pres., Mrs. T. Conner; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kirkwood; Treas., Mrs. S. Ferguson. Annual members, 15.

ROLAND.

Pres., Mrs. Jos. Sparling; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Geo. Steen; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. M. Burns; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Sing; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. VanNorman; Treas., Mrs. A. Williamson. Annual members, 35.

CALGARY.

Pres., Miss E. J. Smith; V.-Pres., Mrs. G. Cook; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. T. Bowes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. F. Watson; Treas., Mrs. R. S. Kelby. Annual members, 11.

BEULAH.

Pres., Mrs. W. Rowles; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Harrison; 2nd V.-Pres., Miss Sparling; 3rd V.-Pres., Miss Webb; 4th V.-Pres., Miss J. T. Lynch; 5th V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Hannah; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. R. Hughes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. Grey; Treas., Mrs. D. J. Hill. Annual members, 28.

HARTNEY.

Pres., Mrs. Somerville; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Bowers; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. D. White; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McEwan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gordon; Treas., Miss Jasper. Annual members, 20.

MOOSE JAW.

Pres., Mrs. W. N. Mitchel; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. J. H. Grayson; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. G. M. Amable; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Bates; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Rorison; Treas., Mrs. Hicks. Annual members, 28.

HOLLAND.

Pres., Mrs. Morgan; V.-Pres., Mrs. Downey; Rec. Sec., Mrs. D. Evans; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Millin; Treas., Miss Brown. Annual members, 18.

MEDICINE HAT.

Pres., Mrs. Coulter; Rec. Sec., Miss Cleveland; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Barker; Treas. Mrs. Evans.

RAPID CITY.

Pres., Mrs. Davis; V.-Pres., Mrs. Watson; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss Butchart; Treas., Mrs. Kirk.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1898.

Pleasure and sorrow are strangely mingled in our retrospect of the last year's work, which may be characterized as "a patient continuance in well-doing."

We rejoice to note steady and faithful work done, and consequent advancement in our large towns; but regret to say that two of our smaller Auxiliaries, which struggled for an existence, have collapsed. The principal reason assigned has been removal and sickness, and no one to take their places.

Encouraging reports from Coqualeetza and Port Simpson have been received, and faithful work has been done at the Chinese Rescue Home. The case of the little Chinese slave-girl Elsie is still before the courts; there is every probability of it being settled in our favor.

Two of our sisters have passed away during the year. Mrs. Jewell, of the Metropolitan Auxiliary, and Mrs. Russ, of Port Simpson, have both entered triumphantly into the heavenly home. These two are not the only friends whose loss we are called to mourn. The Rev. Coverdale Watson was for many years the auditor of our Branch, and in his death we have lost a valuable friend and counsellor.

ANNUAL MEETING BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

The seventh annual meeting of the British Columbia Branch was held in the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Victoria, May 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 1898. It was opened by a Sunday afternoon meeting. Rev. Mr. Betts, President of Conference, occupied the chair. Addresses were given by the chairman, Miss Bowes, and Rev. Dr. Eby, interspersed with a solo from Mrs. Armson and a missionary quartette.

The Branch assembled for business on Monday at 9.30 a.m., President, Mrs. Betts, in the chair. After devotional exercises, on motion, missionaries present were made members of the Branch with the usual privileges. Seventeen responded to the roll.

Mrs. Jenkins gave a beautifully worded address of welcome, and Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster, replied on behalf of the delegates.

The President's address was encouraging. She gave a brief review of the work in the various fields, and a concise report of the Board meeting held in Whitby. She also—as did others—expressed regret at the absence of Mrs. Watson, who had suffered severe affliction in the death of her husband, the Rev. Coverdale Watson.

Reports of Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Mission Band Corresponding Secretary were received.

Mrs. Kaburagi (wife of the Japan missionary in Vancouver) gave a very nice address, telling of her conversion and her desires for those of her native land.

Mrs. Woodsworth, of Brandon (wife of the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba, North-West and British Columbia), who was present, gave a brief but excellent account of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in Manitoba.

Mrs. Root, of the Baptist Church, extended greetings, and the President responded.

The day's session closed with a testimony meeting led by Mrs. David Spencer, of Victoria.

Tuesday was occupied with reports from Auxiliaries and committees.

The Branch Organizer's report showed that the work had consisted chiefly in correspondence with circuits and missions.

Treasurer's report showed an increase of about \$120.

Supply Committee's report proved that there was plenty of room for distribution within the borders of the Branch.

Report of Committee on Proportionate and Systematic Giving was brief, Vancouver taking the lead.

Miss Bowes and Miss Morgan gave accounts of the work in connection with the Chinese Rescue Home and the Chinese. Several ladies expressed entire sympathy with, and approval of, the Rescue Home.

Miss Morgan has met with encouraging success in her visits in Chinatown.

Miss Churchill, teacher of the Chinese Mission School, gave a paper on "The Greatest Problem of the Nineteenth Century, and Woman's Part in Solving it." It displayed much thought and originality.

As the Conference was in session, the Branch adjourned to the Conference room, and Mrs. Chapman very cleverly conveyed the greetings of the Branch, combined with those of the W.C.T.U. Several members of the Conference expressed the hearty sympathy of that body.

The committees on Memorials and Modes of Work occupied a good deal of time. The report from Committee on Modes of Work was ordered to be type-written and a copy placed on file, and copies sent to all Auxiliaries in the Branch.

Wednesday morning was occupied with unfinished business, reports from committees, etc.

Mrs. Bolton, of Port Simpson, gave a report of the work of the hospital and missionary labors at Simpson. Mrs. Raley gave a verbal report of the Kit-a-maat Home and other lines of work, and the Corresponding Secretary read reports from Coqualeetza and Crosby Girls' Homes. All these were both interesting and encouraging.

The Committee on Memorials report contained various resolutions relating to the Constitution to be passed on to the Board. There were also various memorials in regard to the Indian work sent to the Board.

The ordinary votes of thanks were passed and the President was requested to express in person the thanks of the Branch to Rev. Dr. Sutherland for his sermon on Sabbath evening.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. Betts.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	" Watson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	" Crosby.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	" Sexsmith.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" Raley.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Chapman.
<i>Mission Band Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Barraclough.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" Cunningham.
<i>Auditor</i>	" Betts.

Among the resolutions brought before the Branch by the Memorial Committee were :

That the British Columbia Conference be requested to appoint one Sunday in the year to be observed as Woman's Missionary Society Sunday in all our churches of the Province.

That the Epworth Leagues of the Province be asked to lend their hearty co-operation in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH
FOR 1897-98.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Victoria—Metropolitan	29	8	37	10	\$80 05
—Centennial	19	1	20	7	85 40
—West .....	..	..	..	..	1 50
Vancouver—Homer Street	50	5	55	17	106 60
—Princess Street	13	..	13	6	19 45
New Westminster	16	1	17	7	75 00
Port Simpson	16	..	16	8	75 50
Chilliwack	16	1	17	8	33 70
Richmond	6	..	6	4	11 65
Duncan's Mission Band, sent through Branch Treasurer,	10 00
Total	165	16	181	..	\$498 85

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Auxiliaries	9
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Annual members	165
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Life-members	16
Increase	4
Rateable members	181
Mission Circles and Bands	5
Increase	1
Members in Circles and Bands	68
Annual fees	\$174 00
Life-members' fees	50 00
Mission Circles and Bands	64 10
Mite-boxes in Auxiliaries	7 60
Donations and thank-offerings	181 90
Public meetings	24 35
Other sources	59 00
	\$560 95

Total sent to General Treasurer, \$515.25; increase, \$111.25.

MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

VICTORIA, METROPOLITAN.

Pres., *Mrs. Crosby; V.-Pres., Mrs. Sargison; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Pendray; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jenkins; Treas., Mrs. Powell. Mesdames Andrews, Armson, Beckman, Burkholder, Carey, Chan, Dempster, Drury, Earle, Field, Goodacre, Grant, Hooper, Laurie, McKeal, Noble, Ray, Richards, Sanderson, Siddal, D. Spencer, C. Spencer, Williams, Winkle, *Burgess, *McMillan, *Teague; Misses *Crosby, *Grace Crosby, *Gertie Crosby, Morgan, *Bowes.

VICTORIA, CENTENNIAL.

Pres., Mrs. Holt; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. F. Adams; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Chapman; Rec. Sec., Miss Churchill; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Morris; Treas., Mrs. S. Johns. Mesdames *Betts, Davey, Deaville, G. Grant, Gregg, H. G. Hall, Humber, Jeeves, Johns, sen., Olive, Sharp; Misses Chapman, Hetherington, Smith.

VICTORIA, WEST.

No names sent.

VANCOUVER, HOMER STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Wintemute; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Newcomb; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Martinsen; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Breeze; Cor. Sec., Miss Gould; Treas., *Miss Buttimer. Mesdames Angus, Beck, Besley, *Bowyer, Broderick, Caple, Clayton, Cosman, Crowe, Eby, Forsythe, Godfrey, J. Harris, Jarret, Jennings, *Lattimer, Lees, *McCrane, McIntyre, McTaggart, McQuarrie, McVety, Major, Malkin, Mason, Martin, Miller, Mole, Morrison, Nichols, Phipps, Richardson, Robinson, Rumble, Ryals, Ryan, Scott, Stone, Sweet, Trythall, Tufts, Wilson; Misses Barwick, Breeze, Edgar, McDonald, Malkin, Wintemute, H. Wintemute.

VANCOUVER, PRINCESS STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Whittington; V.-Pres., Mrs. Lunn; Rec. Sec., — Mansell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hall; Treas., Miss Fletcher. Mesdames Carter, Clendenning, Glenn, Hislop, Kelly, Ridley, Smith, Wilson.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Pres., Mrs. Betts ; V.-Pres., Mrs. M. A. Cunningham ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cliff ; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Crake ; Treas., Mrs. A. Peers. Mesdames G. Cooper, R. Heaton, Wm. Johnson, P. Latham, C. G. Major, T. D. Pearson, T. R. Pearson, D. Robson, F. Robson, T. C. Thom, N. Wells, *E. White.

PORT SIMPSON.

Pres., Mrs. Bolton ; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. E. Robson ; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Raley ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Redner ; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Stevenson ; Treas., Mrs. Richards. Mesdames Brett, Freeman, Murray, Pierce ; Misses Clarke, F. Gosnell, Lawrence, Paul, Spence, Stevenson.

CHILLIWACK.

Pres., Mrs. A. C. Wells ; V.-Pres., Mrs. Midgeley ; Rec. Sec., Mrs. B. P. Hall ; Cor. Sec., Miss Burpee ; Treas., Mrs. Vedder. Mesdames Barraclough, Ogle ; Misses Alton, Morden, M. Smith, Scroggie, Young, S. McCord, J. Tom, M. A. Thomas, Nellie Taffendale.

RICHMOND.

Pres. and Treas., Mrs. Baer ; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sexsmith. Mesdames Tregvin, Cuckoo.

SEPARATE AUXILIARIES.

GEORGE STREET, WEST CIRCUIT, ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

The years rapidly hurry past us, and we come once again to the end of another year. Our meetings have all through been times of privilege and profit, and an interest manifested. We have been told we are "only ordinary women," but who are God's chosen ones in doing this missionary work? The duty touches each one closely, and bids her do her best. We are only a few workers, but believe in the "Word," working with faith stronger and hopes brighter. Meetings held regularly first Tuesday each month. Four special public meetings and one united with Gower Street Auxiliary, where we had the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Adams (Miss Dove, Pres. Mission Band) who is visiting her home, after six years in Ontario. Members on roll, 42; average attendance, 18. One member has passed "away from us forever," Mrs. Bell. Several members have been, and now are, laid aside, and others passing through deep waters. The year was a sad and sorrowful one to our beloved President, Mrs. Rogerson. Perhaps the most interesting discussions during the year have been on our affiliation with Nova Scotia. We could not form a Branch in Newfoundland, so have decided to unite. We take twenty *Outlooks*, twenty *Monthly Letters*, and the suggested literature programme is a great help to us. We had a faithful Visiting Committee. The Centenary Mission Band has its own report. Now we start the year afresh, What is before us? We cannot tell. As we find ourselves in new environments, may the year be a rich and blessed one. Whichever way it be, may it be for the extension of His kingdom and His name on the earth. Jesus, the name high over all, our Father, Master, Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

C. COLE, *Sec.*

I. F. SHIRAN, *Cor. Sec.*

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) G. P. Story; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Newman; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Dr.) Dove; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. Stidstone; Rec. Sec., Miss C. Cole; Cor. Sec., Miss I. F. Shiran; Treas., Mrs. John Angel. Mesdames *Steer, Ayre, J. Taylor, R. Miller, Rogerson, Samways, (Capt.) Green, (Capt.) Tucker, Hunter, E. Knight, R. C. Ayre, A. McNeilly, Z. Cook, R. White, Leary, Robt. Pike, Soper, Cramb, (Lt.) Hill, Pitman, W. Mews, Jas. Angel, E. Percy, A. Martin, E. Whiteway, Thompson, Geo. Joyce, C. P. Ayre, D. Pike, P. Taylor; Misses Roberts, Allison.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF CENTENARY MISSION BAND, YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Another Mission Band year has passed and gone, and we are about to review the work done in it. Meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday in every month, great blessings having been derived from them. Four public meetings have been held during the year—which were very enjoyable and successful towards raising the funds. We held a sale of work a few days before Christmas, beginning to work for it in October, at which we raised \$38.70. We have in connection with our Band a society which is made up of thirteen members who are too small to attend the meetings; these are called "Little Light Bearers." We were very pleased to see two of these at our meeting in November. We have 36 names on the roll this year, an increase of 13 on last year; an average of 13 at the monthly meetings—10 last year. One of our members, Miss A. Moore, has left us to work in other fields. May God's blessing go with her. We have determined to do better work this year than ever before, with God's help. Respectfully submitted,

E. KNIGHT.

GOWER STREET, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

In presenting our fifteenth annual report we gratefully acknowledge the Hand that has guided us through another year, and looking back we feel that God has greatly blessed us. Since the formation of our Auxiliary never has greater interest been manifested. The membership has been increased by twenty, and the attendance at each monthly meeting very much larger than the preceding year. Our public meetings have been enthusiastic and enjoyable, and the growing interest in missions amongst our people is most encouraging. We are pained to have to record the death of one of our oldest and esteemed members, Miss Bridgeman. We miss her presence.

Pres., Mrs. Curtis; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Fenwick; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Chaplin; Rec. Sec., *Mrs. Peters; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Nichols; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Peters. Mesdames Burchell, Greaves, *Burns, Tuck, Sparks, Bishop, March, Adrian, Hudson, Hutchings, English, Bemister, Butler, Codnor, Morgan, Taylor, Benson, C. Hutchings, Leamon, Dicks, A. Diamond, Finlay, A. Soper, H. Bartlett, Rumsey, McPherson, Cummins, Abbott, Eli Benson, Dutot, Currie, J. Lewis, Le Drew, Inkpen, J. Robinson, Soper, (Capt.) Noseworthy, Robinson, Johns, Treem, Ball, Tait, Simpson, S. Woods, Barnes, Watson, Bartlett, Parsons, F. Parsons, H. Parsons, W. Noseworthy, Peach, Daimond, *Fox, Moulton, McGregor; Misses March, Simpson, Barber, *Ida Burns, *Stella Bishop.

BONAVISTA, NEWFOUNDLAND.

The year that has passed has been one of great encouragement. Our Auxiliary has increased in membership and interest. We have now twenty-five names on the roll. During the year we have held eleven monthly meetings and one public meeting. Average attendance at monthly meetings, thirteen. One hundred and eleven homes have been visited during the year by the members. We take twenty *Monthly Letters*, and we have eight subscribers to the *Outlook*.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Browning; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Brown; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. G. Templeman; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. E. Forbes; Treas., Miss Jessie Swyres. Mesdames Adam Harris, James Shirran, J. Abbott, J. Roper, P. Templeman, H. Swyres, Fifield, R. Little, Hampton, G. Little, L. Clarke, J. Groves, T. F. Harris, E. Carroll; Misses A. House, T. Saint, H. Templeman, A. Templeman, M. Horwood, G. Saint.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH. .

ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH."

ART. II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to engage the efforts of Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women and children; to aid in sustaining female missionaries and teachers, or other special laborers in connection with mission work, in foreign and home fields; and to raise funds for the work of the Society.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually, either at one time or in instalments, shall constitute membership; and twenty-five dollars given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a Life-membership.

ART. IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a Board of Managers, co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles and Bands, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ART. V.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION I.—The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the Officers of the Society, the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, the Editor of department in *Outlook*, Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature and Publication Department, and delegates from

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each Branch in the proportion of one to every six hundred members, or major fraction thereof, which delegates, together with two alternates, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the Board of Managers, except in the cases of the British Columbia and Manitoba and North-West Territories Branches. Branches numbering five hundred or less may send a delegate in case neither the President nor the Corresponding Secretary be able to attend. Said Board shall meet annually or oftener, at such time and place as it shall annually determine.

SEC. 2.—The Officers of the Board of Managers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Corresponding Secretary, Home Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board, and also of the President of each Branch, who is by virtue of her office a Vice-President of the Board of Managers. Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers and its Executive Committee; she shall sign all cheques and all orders on the Treasurer, authorized by the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee; she shall 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, except in cases of emergency. She is *ex officio* a member of all standing committees. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Recording Secretary shall notify members of all meetings of the Board, and its Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings. She shall also have charge of Order Book, signing, with the President, all orders on the Treasurer. The Field Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with all its missionaries, and with the Secretary of the General Society; shall prepare the monthly letters for publication, and present the report of the work in the mission stations to the Annual Meeting of the Board. The Home Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence with Branches, Auxiliaries and other organizations, and shall prepare the statistical report for the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Society, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee may direct; and she shall present an audited statement to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 4.—To transact business during the year, the Officers of the Board of Managers, with the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, shall *ex officio* form an Executive Committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum.

SEC. 5.—The duties of the Board of Managers shall be: (1) To

take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, the reports of the agents employed by the Society, and the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society, to appropriate its funds, to devise the means for the carrying forward of the work to be undertaken by each; suggesting the amount to be raised, employing suitable missionaries, as the work may require, and designating their fields of labor. (2) To appoint a committee to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society. (3) To appoint an auditor for the Treasurer's books. (4) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and the directions of the Board shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1.—Branches may be organized according to Conferences. This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Managers present at any Annual Meeting of the same.

SEC. 2.—The officers of each Branch of the Society shall consist of a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meeting, and shall continue in office till others are elected. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, five of whom shall be a quorum.

SEC. 3.—The President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee. She shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid. The Recording Secretary shall notify all the meetings of the Branch, and of its Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct any official correspondence with the other Branches, with its Auxiliaries, hereinafter mentioned, and with the Secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall endeavor, by all practicable means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall forward the money quarterly to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers.

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SEC. 4.—The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President and Secretary as often as may be necessary, to transact any business that may arise between the annual sessions of the Board.

SEC. 5.—No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 6.—Each Branch may make its own by-laws, regulating its own meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ART. VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women contributing at least one dollar each annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society within whose prescribed limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ART. VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECTION 1.—This Society shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and be subject to their approval, in the employment and remuneration of missionaries or other agents, the designation of fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of the work.

SEC. 2.—All missionaries or other agents supported or aided by this Society shall be approved, before appointment, by the constituted authorities of the Methodist Church, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other missionaries or agents of the said Church.

ART. IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given to each Branch before its Annual Meeting; but Art. VIII. shall not be changed, except with the concurrence of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE FOR BOARD MEETINGS.

1. Calling of the roll.
 2. Report of Nominating Committee.
 3. Reception of Memorials and Resolutions.
 4. Report of Treasurer.
 5. Reports of Field and Home Corresponding Secretaries.
 6. President's address.
 7. Reports from Branches and Separate Auxiliaries.
 8. Report of Executive Committee.
 9. Reports from Official Correspondents and presentation of work on the Mission Fields.
 10. Reports of Publication Committee and Periodicals.
 11. Report of the Supply Committee.
 12. Report of other Standing Committees.
 13. Appropriations.
 14. Election of Officers.
 15. Election of Editors, appointment of Committees and Field Treasurers.
 16. Fixing place of next meeting.
 17. Miscellaneous business.
- Reports of Committees daily immediately after the reading of Minutes.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. Delegates shall rise when they address the chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall be required to furnish in her report, in schedule form, to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, the following items :

List of Auxiliaries.

Number of Auxiliaries present year.

Number of Life-members present year.

Number of Mission Bands.

Number of Mission Band Members.

A list of Life-members and Annual Members, and the report of the Branch Treasurer.

Also, to send to the Home Secretary immediately at the close of Branch meeting the names of delegates elected to the Board and the name of delegate appointed to the Nominating Committee.

2. The Recording Secretary of each Branch shall furnish a condensed account of their Annual Meeting, to be published in the Report.

3. Each Branch Treasurer shall furnish the Corresponding Secretary of her Branch an annual report, in schedule form, of moneys received by her quarterly, and the sources of income.

4. The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall send a notice of the Branch meeting to Mission Circles, Bands and Epworth Leagues entitled to representation.

5. Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet an hour before the Board meeting to classify memorials, record the findings of Branches and report to the Board.

6. In the election of delegates to the General Board a majority vote is required. After election these delegates shall meet and appoint one of their number as a member of the Nominating Committee, said committee to meet one hour previous to the opening session of the Board.

7. The names of, and amounts given by, contributors to special purposes shall be printed in a separate column of the Annual Report.

8. No appeals for funds to be applied to special objects shall be made to our Auxiliaries, Circles or Bands, except such as have been approved of by this Board or its Executive Committee; and all funds must be forwarded to the Branch and Board Treasurers.

9. There shall be a Supply Committee consisting of four members appointed at the Annual Board Meeting, who shall have charge of all supplies of clothing, bedding, etc., contributed by the Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies, and who shall direct as to their destination. To avoid confusion, Auxiliaries, etc., must correspond with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee before sending goods to the Supply Committee or elsewhere.

10. There shall be a Literature and Publication Committee consisting of not more than seven members, resident in Toronto, who, with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, shall be appointed by the Board. Orders for Annual Reports, *Monthly Letters* and Leaflets should be sent to the Literature Committee, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, the money to accompany each order.

11. The Annual Meeting of the Board shall be held in the third week of October, leaving power with the President and Corresponding Secretary to postpone to the fourth if necessary.

12. Regular meetings of the Executive shall be held the third Wednesday in January and third Wednesday in April.

13. All expenses of the Annual Meetings of the Board and of

meetings of the Executive, including all necessary travelling expenses, shall be paid from the General Fund.

14. All money received from legacies shall be used for special purposes, unless the object for which it is to be used be specified by the donor.

15. The printed or prepared forms issued by the Board shall be used in all homes, refuges, schools, etc., supported or aided by the W. M. S., in order that proper returns may be made of the number, names, days' stay, age, sex, etc., of inmates, sources of income, and expenditure of the same, in detail, so that the cost of such institutions may be ascertained in order to have a basis on which grants may be made from the aforesaid Society to support such institutions, these reports to be sent to the Field Corresponding Secretary in time to reach her not later than the 1st of October of each year.

16. The General Treasurer's books shall be closed October 9th, for the purpose of auditing. A statement of money received shall be published each quarter in the *Outlook*.

17. Certificates of Membership may be granted to members of any Auxiliary who may be changing their place of residence, which shall constitute them members of the Auxiliary in the place to which they remove.

18. It shall be the duty of the Associate Editor of the *Outlook* to publish articles relating to our own work; and also to select and publish items of interest concerning the work and modes of working of the Woman's Missionary Societies of other denominations.

19. Auxiliaries shall send the reports of their work which they wish published, to the Branch Recording Secretary, who shall prepare a summary for the *Outlook*.

20. Any Branch may arrange for representation, by proxy, from the Branch within whose limits the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers may, from time to time, be held.

21. All memorials and resolutions forwarded to the Board of Managers of this Society shall be officially signed and dated.

22. All funds of this Society in the hands of the General Treasurer shall be deposited in a chartered bank designated by the Board of Managers. All funds of this Society in the hands of Branch Treasurers shall be deposited in chartered banks to be designated by such Branch. This rule shall apply to Auxiliaries and Mission Circles and Bands when possible.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

That every By-law and Resolution that governs our Board, Branches, Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, Committees or Agents, be each year revised to date by the Editing Committee of the Annual Report,

and printed in every year's report, and that this resolution be placed at the head of the revised By-laws and Resolutions.

That the members be requested to remember this Society in prayer between the hours of five and six each Sabbath.

That when any change of Constitution is requested, notice of such change shall be sent to the Home Corresponding Secretary, who shall notify each Branch before its annual meeting. The notice shall also be published in the *Outlook* as soon as practicable.

That as it is desirable that the Annual Report be printed in November, all matter for the Report, except the Minutes of the Board Meeting, shall be forwarded to the Editing Committee immediately after the Branch Meetings.

That our public meetings be guarded against anything which might tend to foster a love for the dramatic, and that we use our influence against the introduction of any methods of raising money on which we cannot conscientiously ask God's blessing.

CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY.

ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE ———— AUXILIARY OF THE ———— BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH."

ART. II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to aid the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in its work of engaging the efforts of Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women and children; to assist in sustaining female missionaries and teachers, or other special laborers, in foreign or home fields; and to raise funds for the work of this Society.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person paying annually the sum of One Dollar, at one time or in instalments, to the funds of this Society, shall be deemed a member, and as such shall be entitled to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Society, and vote at the election of Officers. Twenty-five Dollars given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a Life-membership.

ART. IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected by ballot without nomination from among the members, at the Annual Meeting.

ART. V.—COMMITTEE.

The Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall conduct the affairs of the Auxiliary during the year.

ART. VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of September, at which the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, an abstract of which is to be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of that Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society to which the Auxiliary belongs; Officers, Auditor and Committee elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as may tend to promote the objects of the Society.

ART. VII.—APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

After meeting necessary local expenses, the funds raised by the Auxiliary shall be transmitted quarterly to the Branch Treasurer, to be applied to the support of such part of the work as the Board of Managers may indicate.

NOTE.—Any Auxiliary having a preference for any special department of the work is at liberty to designate it.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests. She shall call special meetings upon the request of three members, and shall be *ex officio* a member of all standing committees. She shall sign all orders upon the treasury before they are paid.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Society or Committee, and give proper notice of all special and stated meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch the amount sent to the Branch Treasurer for the quarter, and any other items indicating the state of the Society. She shall, in connection with the Recording Secretary, prepare the Annual Report.

5. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and keep an account of all money given to the Auxiliary, and shall transmit the same quarterly to the Branch Treasurer, not later than the 20th of the month.

6. Meetings of the Society for prayer and business shall be held ——— of each month. Once a quarter, if practicable, a public meet-

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ing shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

7. There shall be a standing committee of three or more to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for monthly and quarterly meetings, one of whom shall drop out each month, and another be elected to take her place.

8. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, it must be filled by the appointment of the Executive Committee, until the next Annual Meeting.

9. Each member shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer daily the Society, its workers, missionaries, orphans, or other objects of special interest.

10. At the Annual Meeting of each Auxiliary in September, or such other meeting as may be most convenient, delegates to the Branch Annual Meeting shall be elected by ballot without nomination in the proportion of one for every Auxiliary numbering under fifty, and two for every Auxiliary numbering fifty or more, a majority vote being required.

11. A member shall be appointed in each Auxiliary to obtain subscribers for the *Outlook*.

12. Membership fees must be forwarded in full to the Branch Treasurer. Local expenses must be met out of other funds.

NOTE.—Local expenses mean stationery and postage for officers and books necessary for transaction of business.

13. The names of life-members shall be printed where they reside.

14. The last Wednesday in September shall be observed throughout our entire membership as a day of special prayer for God's blessing on the approaching Annual Branch and Board meetings.

15. Auxiliaries shall be responsible for the presentation of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society to the Epworth Leagues once a year.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

1. *Reading the Subject of Prayer for the month.*
2. Devotional Exercises.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Treasurer in writing.
6. Correspondence.
7. Reports from members of what they have done for the good of the Society during the past month.
8. Enrolment of New Members.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

1. An Association of young people, banded together to aid the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, shall be called a Mission Circle or Band, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is found, or to the Branch in whose territory it is.

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

3. Anyone may become a member of the Mission Circle by the annual payment of twenty-five cents, and may become a life-member thereof by the payment of five dollars, and her name be printed in the Annual Report. Annual membership for Bands or Junior Members may be ten cents.

4. The Officers of a Mission Circle or Band shall be President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer, and a committee to arrange the best methods of work; these and an Auditor shall be elected annually.

5. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all stated meetings, and to have a general oversight of the work of the Circle or Band.

6. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Circle or Band, and to make quarterly and annual reports to the Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in whose bounds it is.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same quarterly to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary in which the Circle or Band is formed. Where there is no Auxiliary she shall remit to the Branch Treasurer.

8. Each Mission Band may select an appropriate name not already in use, and shall report the same to the Branch Mission Band Corresponding Secretary.

9. Any Mission Circle or Band numbering forty members or over, or contributing \$25.00 to the Woman's Missionary Society, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Branch Annual Meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the Branch, or election to the Board of Managers, except she be a member of an Auxiliary.

10. Any Epworth League numbering forty members or over, and contributing \$25.00 to the funds of the W. M. S. shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Branch Annual Meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the Branch, or election to the Board of Managers, except she be a member of an Auxiliary.

11. Where there are two Mission Circles or Bands, neither having a large enough membership to be entitled to send a delegate to the Branch meeting, they may unitedly send one delegate.

QUESTIONS TO MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Do you believe that you are moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls for Christ, and how has this desire been manifested?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, as set forth in the Book of Discipline of said Church?
6. Have you any knowledge of the aims, constitution, methods and work of the Woman's Missionary Society?
7. Have you a good English education? have you a certificate? If so, what grade.
8. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; to what extent? did you readily acquire the same?
9. In what schools have you taught?
10. Have you a knowledge of music? vocal or instrumental?
11. Have you any proficiency in domestic lines, or aptitude therefor?
12. What is the condition of your health?
13. Are you engaged to be married?
14. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.
2. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.
3. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five of these years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.
4. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship; some experience in teaching and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.

5. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to medical questions.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances are essential qualifications.

8. Missionary candidates shall be recommended by the Branch in which they reside, before their testimonials are considered by the Board or its Executive. There shall be a personal interview with at least two members of the Executive of the Board before final acceptance.

9. Each missionary candidate shall be required to attend a Methodist Training Home such time as the Executive Committee shall specify, taking up the course required in theology and actively engaging in Christian work, as directed by the Superintendent of the Home, the expenses of such training to be borne by the Society when necessary.

NOTE.—In exceptional cases the Executive shall have power to suspend this rule.

10. Each missionary candidate shall pass a theological examination in the following course prescribed by the Board:

COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Doctrines.

(a) Manual of Methodist Doctrines (*Galbraith*).

(b) Wesley's Sermons, as follows:

- (1) Salvation by Faith, 1.
- (2) Justification by Faith, 5.
- (3) Witness of the Spirit, 10.
- (4) Sin in Believers, 13.
- (5) Law Established through Faith, 35.
- (6) On Christian Perfection, 40.

2. Bible Study.

(a) Bible Outlines (*Vincent*).

(b) Epistle to the Romans (*Burwash*).

3. Catechism.

4. Discipline of the Methodist Church, relating to Polity and Economy.

11. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. The missionaries sent out by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to any foreign field, when not less than five in number, shall constitute a Mission Council, with powers and duties as hereinafter defined. When there are less than five missionaries in the field they may act as a committee to make recommendations but shall not possess the powers of a Council. The Council shall be subject to such regulations as the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society may from time to time adopt. The Council shall have authority :

(a) To elect a Secretary who shall keep a true record of the proceedings and decisions of the Council. It shall be her duty to forward to the Board or its officers, all resolutions, memorials, recommendations or other official action of the Council or its Executive, and all official communications intended for the consideration of the Board or its Executive, except such as pertain to the Treasurer's Department as hereinafter defined. The Treasurer appointed by the Board shall be the Chairman of the Council.

(b) To appoint an Executive Committee to deal with any matters that may arise in the intervals of Council meetings.

(c) To designate the particular field of each foreign missionary and to appoint or reappoint her thereto ; the department of work (whether educational, evangelistic or the like) to be designated by the Board.

(d) The Council shall meet in joint session at least once in the year with the Council of the General Board of Missions for consultation on matters of common interest with the view of promoting harmony and co-operation between the agents of the two societies in the prosecution of their work. If any question arises in regard to which a majority of either Council cannot agree, it may be referred to the Home Boards for final decision, subject to the provisions of paragraph 370, sub-section 2, of the Discipline of 1894. The Executives of the two Councils shall meet in joint session when deemed necessary. A copy of the minutes of all sessions of the Council and Executive, whether joint or otherwise, shall be forwarded promptly to the Field Corresponding Secretary.

(e) The Council shall prepare and forward to the Board of Managers at least annually, a full report of the work, and any recommendations touching the same, which the Council deems it expedient to make.

2. Missionaries shall incur no expense to be met by the Society for which estimates have not previously been submitted to, and approved of, by the Board of Managers, or by its Executive Committee.

3. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statements.

4. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are requested not to apply to private sources for aid for their work.

5. A medical missionary shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, and any surplus shall be credited to the Woman's Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

6. We recommend that, when practicable, such arrangements be made for the duties of our missionaries to foreign fields during their first year's service, as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be two-thirds of the fixed salary. Medical missionaries shall, from the first, receive full salary.

7. Missionaries to foreign fields shall be allowed one hundred dollars (\$100) for personal outfit, and \$100 for house furnishings, when considered necessary by the furnishing committee on the field—the latter to be the property of the Woman's Missionary Society. Missionaries to home fields shall be allowed fifty dollars for personal outfit, said sum to be considered part of first year's salary.

8. If there prove manifest unfitness for missionary work, the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Board or its Executive; necessary return expenses to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

9. A missionary desiring to return home from any other cause than ill health, must secure permission from the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee, otherwise her expenses cannot be allowed. In case of ill health requiring her immediate return, she shall bring a certificate to that effect from a physician and the lady missionary in charge, and shall be entitled to one-half salary for that year. If it be necessary for her to remain at home longer than one year, arrangements must be made by the Board or its Executive.

10. Each returned missionary on furlough shall be expected to attend the first session of the Board of Managers after her return. Her travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be paid by the Society, unless otherwise provided for.

11. Returned missionaries are directly under the control of the Board and its Executive, and it is strongly recommended that they address no public meetings during the first three months. If health permit they may attend a limited number during the following six months at the discretion of the Executive, the last three months to be given up to rest and preparation for return.

12. Missionaries on the field are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Field Corresponding Secretary, and the action of the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

13. The Treasurers in the mission fields, both home and foreign, are instructed to forward receipts for remittances to Treasurer, and a statement of balance on hand with the number of pupils in residence, quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and a full statement annually, properly signed and audited, in time to insure its arriving before the first of October of each year.

14. All Mission Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary in time to insure their arriving on or before the first of October of each year.

15. Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the Board of Managers. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application to the Executive Committee.

16. If any money be not required for the object for which it was appropriated, it may be used for any other purpose which the Mission Council may recommend and the Board or its Executive approve, and any surplus funds from native sources may be used under the direction of the Mission Council. If any surplus funds remain in the mission treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported in the annual statement.

17. Each missionary must report to the Field Corresponding Secretary the date of her arrival on the mission field to which she has been appointed; her salary begins that day and all allowance for travelling expenses ceases. A detailed statement of her travelling expenses and the balance in hand, must be handed to the Treasurer of her specific field, taking a receipt therefor.

18. The furlough for missionaries sent out under the direction and control of the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society, shall be for one year, with travelling expenses home and \$300 salary.

19. Where there is an Advisory Committee in connection with a mission field or home, the matron or missionary in charge shall consult it in all matters pertaining to the efficiency of the work under her care. The annual and quarterly statements shall be submitted to said Committee for its approval, and the estimates for the coming year shall receive its endorsement, being signed by the Secretary of said Committee, as well as by the Treasurer of that specific mission field or home.

20. The Secretary of each mission field or home must send to the Home Corresponding Secretary of the Board a yearly list of Bible-women, supported students and orphans in October, after the opening of the schools.

21. Each mission is a little community in which the will of the majority should rule. Each member of it should do her utmost to

promote its peace and unity, and to submit gracefully and not merely because she cannot prevail. She should keep herself well informed as to the work and policy of her associates, in order that her estimate of their needs and rights may be fair and comprehensive, and that of her own just and unselfish. In the possible case of a decision which she may think unfair, she has always the right of an appeal to the Board of Managers, but her strength will be in that "charity that thinketh no evil, which suffereth long and is kind," and in quiet waiting upon Him who makes "all things work together for good to them that love him."

Every missionary candidate shall be required to sign the following contract:

I agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employment of the Woman's Missionary Society, and, failing in this, to refund the amount of my outfit and passage-money.

Signed

FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, CANADA.

I GIVE, devise and bequeath to THE METHODIST CHURCH the sum of _____ dollars out of my pure personalty (if the bequest is to be real estate instead of or as well as personal property, the bequest should read as follows: Also the following lands and premises situate, lying and being [describing the property as accurately as possible], to be held or disposed of by the said Methodist Church, and the proceeds) to be paid, expended, and applied by the said Methodist Church for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society according to the Constitution and rules of the said Woman's Missionary Society as sanctioned by the General Conference of the said Methodist Church, and for the support of the different Mission Stations of the said Woman's Missionary Society, or any of them, or for the aid and support of the (*fill in the name of the Mission for which preference is had—for instance, the Japan Mission, the French Missions, or otherwise as the case may be*) Missions of said Society, and the receipt or receipts of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Woman's Missionary Society, for the time being, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors, and the published Report of the Board of Managers of the said Society, containing the appointment of such Treasurer or Treasurers, shall be sufficient evidence of the authority upon which the said Treasurer or Treasurers may demand payment of the said bequest.