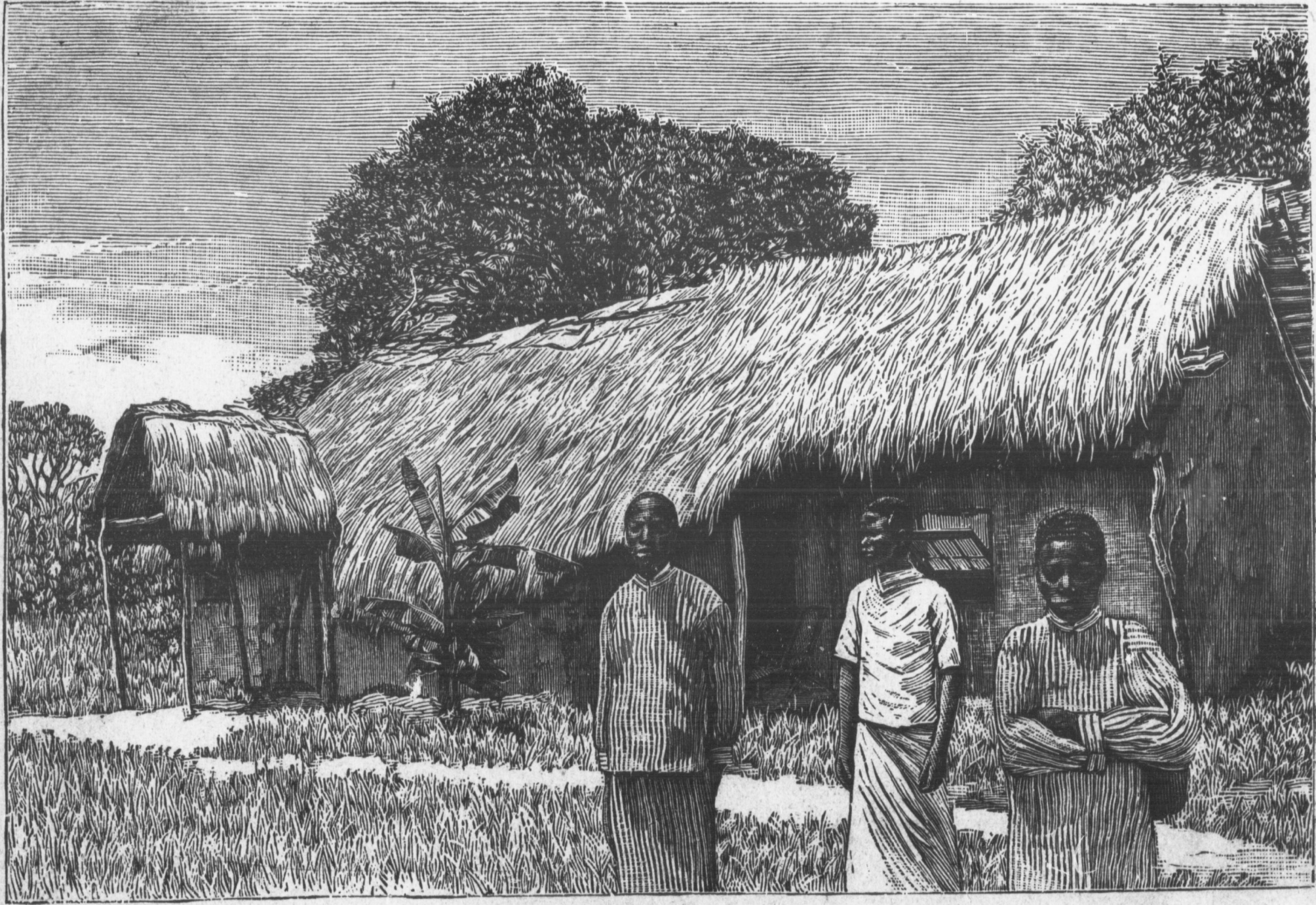


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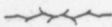
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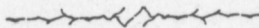
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REPORT
OF THE
Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1887.

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RETROSPECT.

It is recorded of the Woman's Board of Missions of Boston that it had its origin in the Mother's Prayer Meetings held at that time all over New England. It seemed a natural and fitting thing that these mothers, as they met to pray for the salvation of their own children, should look with pitying eyes on the heathen and stretch out hands of help to those "who sat in darkness and the shadow of death."

In no such way was the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions brought into being, yet, no less truly, can we trace the guiding hand of Him who leads his people to pray and plan for the coming of his Kingdom. When the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, which held, this year, its sixth annual meeting, was organized the hope was expressed that the women and children would be enlisted, and Auxiliaries and Mission Bands formed, and this was in some measure the case. The subject, however, came up in a more practical form in the minds of the ladies, when one of our Canadian daughters, Miss Macallum, went out to Turkey as a Missionary. The question was then asked: Why have we not a Woman's Board in connection with our own churches to send out and sustain Missionaries in the Foreign field? Then Mr. Currie's visit to the churches stirred up unusual interest in the Missionary cause, and it was felt by some that now was the time to move in the matter. Preliminary steps were taken and a meeting was held in a quiet country manse; as a result a constitution was drawn up, and arrangements made for a meeting to be held in Ottawa, in June, 1886, in connection with the Congregational Union. This Provisional Board, appointed by the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, met in the parsonage of the Ottawa Church, on Thursday

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morning, June 10th, and adopted the constitution and appointed officers so that the Society was fairly launched and in a position to ask for the formation of Auxiliaries and to take up whatever work might present itself. In the course of the following winter circulars were sent out by the President, Mrs. Macallum, to all the churches requesting them to form Auxiliaries and send Delegates to the Annual Meeting, to be held in Toronto, in June, 1887. In response to this appeal a number of existing Societies sent in their adhesion, and several new Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were organized. Many letters were received expressive of interest in the work of the Society and of hope that it might be abundantly successful.

One of the objects accomplished in this the first year of the Society's existence has been the raising of the Clara Wilkes Currie Memorial Fund, which is fully reported elsewhere. The sum of \$500 was asked from the churches that a school-chapel might be erected to Mrs. Currie's memory in the land where she died, and much more than the sum required has been contributed.

In looking over the year's work we might wish the record to be better, but in view of what has been accomplished we would thank God and take courage.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

About thirty of the Congregational Churches of Ontario and Quebec were represented at the Annual Meeting held at the time the Congregational Union met in Toronto, June 9th, 1887, the ladies of the city having hospitably undertaken to entertain the delegates. By the cordial invitation of the ladies of Zion Church the meetings were held in the pleasant school-room of that church, where a banner hung which showed more than fifty years record of work, which owed much of its success to the zealous co-operation of these ladies. Many ladies from other Toronto churches also attended the meetings, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout. Missionary maps of Africa, India and China were hung conspicuously and used

throughout the meetings, as occasion rose to refer to these countries, and several large sketches in Indian ink were hung behind the platform showing the mission premises in Bailundu, African carriers, tepoias, etc. A table, covered with leaflets, illustrative of Society work, and other missionary literature, for free distribution among the delegates, was presided over by Miss C. Richardson, of Montreal.

Specimens of missionary boxes and mite boxes in actual use by the societies were displayed and Home Mission work was represented by an astonishing pictorial scroll, lent by Mrs. Ashdown, on which was represented in bright colors the theological and historical teaching given by the priests to the Indians of the North-West. It was picked up on the battle field of Batoche.

FIRST DAY.

The opening meeting had been appointed for Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock, but it was found necessary to call a preliminary forenoon meeting for the appointment of committees, etc. This meeting was informal in character, but its proceedings were formally endorsed at the afternoon session. After the meeting had been opened by singing and prayer by Mrs. Boulton, of Guelph, temporary officers were appointed as follows:

Moved by Miss C. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. J. C. Wright, that Miss M. Macallum be Minute Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Miss McKillican, seconded by Mrs. Dr. Richardson, of Toronto, that Miss Dougall be Secretary for the Convention. Carried.

A Reception Committee was appointed consisting of Toronto ladies—Mrs. Dr. Richardson, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Pim and Mrs. Ashdown. Mrs. Geo. Robertson was appointed treasurer for money received during the meetings, and Miss C. Richardson was named as Press Committee. After some discussion it was decided to have a Nominating Committee to bring in a recommendation with regard to the officers for the ensuing year rather than to have the elections by ballot, and the following ladies were named, representing the different Branches with which the auxiliaries are to be associated:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Miss Rawlings, Forest; Miss Wisner, Brantford; Mrs. D. McGregor, Guelph; Mrs. Dr. Richardson, Toronto; Miss Unsworth, Stouffville; Mrs. Wright, Garafraxa; Mrs. Hall, Kingston; Mrs. Wood, Ottawa; Miss Dougall, Montreal; Mrs. Robertson, Melbourne.

The Committee on Resolutions consisted of Mrs. Wright, Garafra; Miss Wood, Maxville; and Miss C. Richardson, Montreal. On the Committee for Revision of the Constitution were Mrs. J. Wood, Ottawa; Mrs. T. Hall, Kingston; Mrs. Stephens, Ottawa; and Miss Dougall, Montreal.

The Rev. T. Hall now addressed the meeting, urging the necessity of not allowing the Foreign and the Home work to clash in the working of the Society. Mrs. Wright said that in her experience she found that the more liberally the Foreign Work was supported the greater was the interest taken in Home Work. After a brief address by the Rev. E. M. Hill, it was stated that the proposition that the Society should undertake the support of Miss Lily M. Lyman, who sails for Bombay in September, under the American Board, would be brought up at a future meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon the formal opening took place. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Macallum, and the adoption on motion of the minutes of the morning session, an address of welcome was read by Mrs. J. Burton, of the Northern Church, Toronto, urging the need of greater consecration in the work and giving an account of the spread of the missionary spirit in the colleges of the United States and Canada. The reply to this address was given by Mrs. Dalkin, of Quebec, who carried our thoughts back to the command given almost 1900 years ago, "Go, ye, into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." She spoke of the many who, in fulfilling this command, had laid down their lives, and closed by emphasizing the promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

The President's address followed. Mrs. Macallum thought that the Society should have been organized long ago. Now we expect to do great things for the Master, but a deeper consecration is needed in our own hearts. She also called attention to the very urgent call which is coming from Japan for educated Christian women to teach in the schools.

Mrs. Robertson followed with an interim report of the Clara Wilkes Currie Memorial Fund, and in connection with this Miss Dougall gave a brief description of the encouraging nature of the African work, showing the interest taken by the children in Bailundu in foreign mission work, and pointing out the need of a new school chapel.

Mrs. Stanley, of the North China Mission, had been expected to be present at the meetings, but, at this point, it was announced that she had been unable to come, but that the Rev. C. A. Stanley, her husband, had come in her place. He had spent twenty-five years in China in the work of the American Board. He gave a most interesting address, telling of the great work which unmarried lady Missionaries are doing in China, and pointing out the urgent need of women physicians who should not only have the skilful hand and steady nerve, but should have their hearts filled with love to their King and a longing for the salvation of souls. On motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Miss Rawlings, Mr. Stanley was thanked for his kindness by a rising vote. Mrs. Keer, formerly of India, and the daughter of Dr. Somerville, of Glasgow, then thrilled the audience, as in a few brief words she spoke with enthusiasm of the duty and the pleasure of systematic giving. Encouraging reports of Missionary Societies were read from Martintown, by Miss Macallum; Belleville, by Mrs. G. Robertson; Ottawa, by Mrs. Wood; Guelph, by Mrs. Boulton; and Maxville, by Mrs. McEwen. The Meeting then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

At 10 a.m. on Friday morning, the day's proceedings were opened by a prayer meeting, led by Miss Dougall. The hearts of all were full of thanksgiving as the fact was recognized that the blessing of the Almighty had attended the efforts made to form this Society, from whose work in the future the eye of faith can already see wonderful results. This thought was voiced in prayer by Mrs. Macallum. Then followed an address from Miss Dougall, showing that acceptable Christian service can only come from a wholly consecrated heart and life, and, led by Mrs. Wright, Miss Havergal's consecration hymn was sung by earnest hearts offering themselves to the Lord.

At 11 o'clock the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution reported, and the articles were adopted one by one after discussion. A Constitution for Branches was also adopted, and forms of Constitution suggested for Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. These Constitutions will be found in their proper place, but it may be stated here that the new Constitution changes the name of the Society to the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, and makes the condition of membership in the Central Society the payment of five

cents weekly ; carrying the idea of weekly instead of yearly contributions through all the organizations, although in the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands the amount is optional. The contribution of \$25 at one time constitutes life-membership. Any society of ladies may become Auxiliary by paying \$10 a year, and any band of young people by contributing \$5 to the General Treasury.

The Nominating Committee next brought in its report which was adopted and a Department for the Diffusion of Missionary Literature was organized. This department will have in charge the circulation of leaflets on the best means of carrying on society work and on the duty of systematic giving, and will also recommend missionary books for Sunday-schools and Band libraries and Missionary periodicals.

Miss Cochrane, of Emmanuel Church, Montreal, brought greetings from the Canadian Woman's Board of Missions—a union organization which has its headquarters in Montreal and which is the oldest Woman's Board in Canada. This society supports Miss Macallum in Turkey, besides doing work in India and elsewhere. Miss Cochrane also reported the work done by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Emmanuel Church, and Miss Wood, of Maxville, read a very interesting paper entitled "Our Mission Band." This gave the story of the way in which the children in Maxville were organized four years ago into a band and told how they had since raised \$160, most of it earned and given by themselves. It described the various plans by which their interest was maintained, among which was the yearly thank-offering meeting held in a grove near the church, and showed the effect upon the minds of the children in giving them more intelligent views of heathen lands and in training them to give. The paper was received with intense interest, as many are attempting similar work, and the remark was made that it was in such societies as this that our future missionaries were being trained.

At noon, Mrs. Ashdown, on behalf of the ladies of Zion Church, invited the Society to lunch in the church parlors, where an elegant and abundant repast was provided. A number of gentlemen were present and speeches were made by the Rev. Dr. Barbour and others.

The afternoon meeting was opened by devotional exercises led by Mrs. T. Hall, of Kingston, and Mrs. Dalkin, of Quebec. After the adoption of the minutes, the report of the Resolutions Committee was taken up and discussed item by item and carried. The first resolution

provided for the organization of the auxiliaries into branches for greater efficiency in working, as is done in other woman's boards. Each branch to have its own officers, who may arrange for union meetings and other means of stimulating interest in the cause. The suggested division is given in another place. The second resolution urged the formation of Young People's Missionary Societies and Mission Bands in every church. The next matter taken up was to arrange for announcements of society work and missionary intelligence in the *Canadian Independent*, and Mrs. Macallum was appointed to edit the department. The fourth resolution recommended that the foreign missionary work be specially remembered in prayer between the hours of five and six each Sunday, which is the time set apart for this in other societies. The fifth provided that the board be represented at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board connected with the A. B. C. F. M., and that that Board be invited to send a delegate to our next annual meeting, also that greetings be exchanged with other societies when practicable. The sixth resolution regarded the department of missionary literature already described, and the seventh was to the effect that the addresses delivered at the meeting should be printed. This question, however, was referred to a committee.

In the eighth resolution a strong recommendation was made on the subject of weekly giving, a matter of so much importance to the future of the missionary cause. We copy the resolution in full :

Resolved—That as by the study of the subject we have become convinced that great loss has resulted to the souls of Christians generally, as well as to the missionary treasury, by the prevalent idea that one dollar a year covers all obligations to that work, we hereby resolve to recommend to our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands the Scriptural plan of each member laying by her in store on the first day of the week as an act of worship, instead of the contribution of a single sum—large or small—annually. That a small bag or purse, to be thought of as the Lord's purse, be dedicated to this object, and that the laying aside of the money be accompanied by earnest prayer for the work and consecration of all powers and energies to the Lord's service.

It is hoped that all will give earnest attention to this matter and begin at once the plan recommended. The girls at a Mission School in Turkey use cotton bags for purses, and this fact suggested the idea expressed in the resolution. Each one can make a bag of any material which she fancies, and closing the opening with an elastic, can press into it each Sunday the one cent, five cent or ten cent piece, or whatever sum she may have decided upon as her joyful offering to

the Lord of her salvation. These sums can then be brought in monthly to the Treasurer of her Society who will send them each quarter to the Treasurer of the Branch, to be forwarded to the General Treasury. The dollar a year which has been the regulation subscription in Missionary Societies has, it is to be feared, often been given "grudgingly or of necessity" on account of the difficulty of sparing it when the collector came round and has brought no blessing, but the Biblical plan is one in which the poorest can take part and each can rejoice in the thought that God loveth a cheerful giver. Among the members of our Congregational Churches there are over 5000 women. If each of these gave at the rate of a cent a week the result would be some \$2,678, and this without lessening the contributions to any other society or to the churches to which they belong. We presume that there is no one but what could raise this sum by a little effort, and many could give a hundred times as much weekly if they were only sufficiently interested to be willing to do so. Let the question be made the subject of earnest prayer for guidance, and let each one begin to do something at once. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

The last resolution was one expressive of sorrow at the early death of Mrs. Currie in Africa, and of sympathy for those bereaved, announcing further the determination "to hasten in the strength of the Lord to continue the work with our whole heart in the portion of the field which God has allotted to our care, that the precious seed just planted there shall be found in due time to have yielded fruit one hundred fold."

After the resolutions were passed one of the papers specially announced for the Convention was read. It was by Mrs. D. McGregor, of Guelph, and was a very interesting and important study of "Woman's Work in the Harvest Field," beginning with the history of Harriet Newell and the Mrs. Judsons, and pointing to the noble pioneer work done by them. Then she glanced along the line of mission work, at the ever widening field for women among women, where so many find work as physicians, teachers or visitors from house to house among heathen women. Women's medical work also received special attention.

Attention having thus been directed to the world's need of women as missionaries the question of assuming the support of Miss Lily M. Lyman, who is to be sent out by the American Board to Bombay, was introduced. It was explained that Miss Lyman was the niece of that

Henry Lyman, who, more than fifty years ago, went as a missionary to Sumatra, and who with his associate—the Rev. Samuel Munson—was slain (1834) by the people to whom he had hoped to make known the love of Christ ; and also of the late Hannah Willard Lyman, the distinguished Christian educator of Montreal and the first lady principal of Vassar College, whose name is revered wherever her former pupils are found. The facility with which the Memorial Fund had been raised had shown that there could be no real difficulty in securing the amount required (\$570), but the points which had to be considered were as follows: First, would the raising of such a sum so exhaust the resources of the Society as to incapacitate it for doing anything for the Home Mission work, which is so dear to our hearts? Second, is it advisable to bind the Society to a work in India, when, in the event of a "Canadian field" being opened in connection with the West Central African Mission all our energies might be required to sustain workers there? An animated discussion ensued in which many took part. It was thought that we could not expect a blessing on work at home if obedience was not rendered to the command "Go ye into all the world," and it was also shown that the best hope for the North-West was in so quickening the spiritual life of the home churches that every one who went out from them to the regions beyond should be animated with zeal for souls and endued with spiritual power. As for the "Canadian field" in Africa, that is not as yet ready for occupation, and the fact that the Society had been asked to take up this work in India was taken as an indication that that was the Lord's work for it for the present. After earnest prayer for guidance, offered by Mrs. Wright, it was moved by Mrs. A. F. McGregor and seconded by Mrs. Wright and carried, that for one year, no responsibilities being assumed for the future, the Society should undertake the support of Miss L. M. Lyman in India.

More reports from Societies followed, that from Edgar was given by Mrs. Wright, from South Caledon by Mrs. McArthur, from Stouffville by Miss Unsworth, and from Danville by Mrs. Geo. Robertson.

Miss Unsworth then read an interesting and instructive paper on "Mission Bands," showing the need of the co-operation of parents and urging that children should be taught to give of their very own, of that which cost them something to save or which they had earned by their own work.

Then a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. Wright and seconded

by Miss Rawlings, was carried, expressing gratitude to the ladies of Toronto for their kind hospitality, to the trustees of Zion Church and to all who had contributed to the success of the meetings.

At six o'clock the Board adjourned to meet (D.V.) in June, 1888, in Calvary Church, Montreal.

SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING.

An informal supplementary meeting was held on Monday morning in a class room of the Bond Street Church, at which Mrs. Macallum and Mrs. Geo. Robertson were appointed a committee to arrange for a delegation to the Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society in connection with the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Rev. D. McGregor being requested to act in that capacity. The printing of the report with constitutions—of which document it had been estimated 2000 would be required—was ordered to be left in the hands of Mrs. Macallum and Miss Dougall. It was resolved to place the money raised for the Clara Wilkes Currie Memorial Fund, which far exceeded the estimated cost of a school house in Bailundu, in the hands of the A. B. C. F. M. for use until needed by the Society. Cheques for the C. C. W. B. M. to be valid must be signed by the President and Treasurer. Secretaries were appointed for the different Branches to secure their complete organization and the suggestion was made that when it was necessary societies should assist in paying the expenses of their delegates to the annual meetings.

BRANCHES.

The Resolution Committee brought in the following resolution on this subject, which was adopted :

Resolved—That the Auxiliaries be associated together in branches along the lines of the Ministerial Associations, but in smaller organizations, so that the President of the Branch may be able to visit each Society in turn.

On this plan the following divisions are suggested (experimentally) :

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

London Branch—London, Southwold, Sarnia, Forest, Warwick, St. Thomas, Watford, Ebenezer and Lake Shore.

Brantford Branch—Brantford, Scotland, Burford, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Paris, New Durham, Woodstock, Embro and Kelvin.

Guelph Branch—Guelph, Garafraxa, Belwood, Speedside, Fergus, South Caledon, Churchill and Alton.

Kincardine Branch—Kincardine, Wingham, Turnbury, Listowell, and Wiarton.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Toronto Branch—Toronto churches (Zion, Bond Street, Western, Northern, Riverside, Yorkville and Parkdale), Pine Grove, Georgetown and Newmarket.

Stouffville Branch—Stouffville, Unionville and Manilla.

Barrie Branch—Vespra, Barrie, Rugby, Dalston and Edgar.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Kingston Branch—Kingston 1st, Kingston 2nd, Cobourg, Cold Springs, Belleville and Brockville.

Ottawa Branch—Ottawa, Lanark, Middleville, Vankleek Hill, Hawkesbury, Maxville and Martintown.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION.

Montreal Branch—Montreal (Emmanuel, Calvary, Zion), St. Andrews, Cowansville, Granby, Brigham and Franklin Centre.

Sherbrooke Branch—Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Danville, Melbourne, Durham, Eaton, Waterville, Rock Island and Fitch Bay.

Of course, this is at present an ideal arrangement, as many of these churches have no Ladies' Missionary Society and others have Societies which are not as yet auxiliary. The ultimate aim, however, of the C. C. W. B. M. is to have a Society and Mission Band in every church, with every woman in the church a member of the one and every child a member of the other, and it has therefore taken the liberty of putting the name of every church upon the list that the method of organization may be fully understood. The Branches are as yet unorganized and the following Secretaries were appointed to take steps to form organizations :

London	Branch,	-	Miss Rawlings.
Brantford	"	-	Miss Wisner.
Guelph	"	-	Mrs. Wright.
Kincardine	"	-	Mrs. Burgess.
Toronto	"	-	Mrs. A. F. McGregor.
Stouffville	"	-	Miss Unsworth.
Barrie	"	-	Mrs. Scott.
Ottawa	"	-	Miss Wood.
Montreal	"	-	Mrs. McLachlan.
Sherbrooke	"	-	Mrs. Sanderson.
Kingston	"	-	Mrs. T. Hall.

DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following list contains the names of ladies who represented the different churches. Some of these were regularly appointed Delegates of Auxiliary Societies, others represented churches in which as yet no Woman's Missionary Society has been formed. The list is probably imperfect as through inadvertence it was not made up until after the close of the formal meetings :

Danville, . . .	Mrs. G. Robertson (Written Report).
Melbourne, . . .	Mrs. G. Robertson.
Granby, . . .	(Written Report sent).
Montreal, Emmanuel,	Miss Cochrane.
Montreal, Calvary, -	Miss Dougall and Miss C. Richardson.
Maxville, . . .	Miss Wood and Mrs. McEwen.
Ottawa, - . . .	Mrs. J. Wood and Mrs. Stephens.
Kingston, 1st, . . .	Mrs. S. N. Jackson.
Kingston, 2nd, . . .	Mrs. T. Hall.
Belleville, . . .	Mrs. G. Robertson (Written Report).
South Caledon, . . .	Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Patterson.
Edgar, - . . .	Mrs. Wright.
Pine Grove, . . .	Mrs. Andrew Gerrie.
Garafraxa, . . .	Mrs. Wright.
Forest, . . .	Miss Rawlings.
Guelph, . . .	Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Davy and Mrs. D. McGregor.
Brantford, . . .	Miss H. Wisner.
Vankleek Hill, . . .	Miss S. McKillican.
Stouffville, . . .	Mrs. Mertens and Miss Unsworth.
Toronto, Western,	Mrs. A. F. McGregor.
Toronto, Northern, .	Mrs. Burton.
Toronto, Bond Street,	Mrs. Anker.
Toronto, Zion, . . .	Mrs. Strathern, Mrs. Dr. Richardson and
Fergus, . . .	Mrs. Geo. Armstrong. [Mrs. Ashdown.
Speedside, . . .	Mrs. Thomas.
Embros, . . .	Mrs. E. D. Silcox.
Listowell, . . .	Mrs. Burgess.
Georgetown, . . .	Mrs. Anderson.

REPORT OF THE CLARA WILKES CURRIE MEMORIAL FUND.

In the March issue of the *Canadian Independent* a statement appeared to the effect that a Ladies' Missionary Society in a certain church, which was not named, had \$15.00 which it would like to put into a school house in Africa to be erected in memory of Mrs. Currie, the news of whose death had recently been received. Enquiries being made of the American Board by the Foreign Secretary of the C. C. F. M. S. it was found that such a school house could be erected at Bailundu, where Mrs. Currie died, for \$500 and that it was much needed. It was, therefore, decided by the President that an appeal should be made to the ladies of the churches to raise this sum before the Annual meeting in June, and the following ladies were appointed secretary-treasurers for the different provinces: Miss Hattie Wisner, of Brantford, for Ontario; Mrs. G. Robertson, of Melbourne, for Quebec; and Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, of St. John, N.B., for the Lower Provinces.

The idea of a Canadian memorial in Africa to our beloved missionary, which had been suggested by the society in Edgar, Ont., was eagerly received everywhere, and it soon became evident that the amount was likely to exceed the sum which had been named. When the results were brought in at the annual meeting, great enthusiasm was felt, especially as it was perceived that there would probably be enough to erect a second school house in whatever part of the field might hereafter be deemed most suitable.

ONTARIO AND THE PROVINCES.

Miss Hattie Wisner reports the following contributions from Ontario and the Lower Provinces:

Ottawa, per Woman's Missionary Society,	\$10 00	
Ottawa, per Mission Band,	4 50	
	14 50	\$14 50
Sarnia,		10 55
Wingham,		10 00
Mr. E. Yeigh's Bible Class, Bond Street, Toronto,		5 00
Miss Maggie Warbrick, Bolton,		5 00
Guelph, per Woman's Missionary Society,		16 00
Garafraxa, First Church,	\$14 60	
Garafraxa, per Sunday School,	2 00	
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Listowell, per Ladies' Missionary Society,	10 00
Stouffville, per Woman's Missionary Circle,	\$ 8 50
Stouffville, per Children's Mission Band,	1 50
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	10 00
St. Catherines, per Sunday School,	5 00
Humber Summit,	3 00
Vankleek Hill, per Ladies' Missionary Society,	13 00
Watford and Warwick (Zion),	10 70
Dalston,	2 00
Cold Springs,	8 00
Cobourg,	8 50
Brantford,	90 00
Unionville, per Sunday School,	2 00
Kate L. Maxwell, Amherstburg,	2 00
St. Elmo,	26 00
Paris,	16 00
Pine Grove,	5 00
Edgar, per Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band,	30 00
Miss M. E. Macallum, St. Elmo,	2 00
Miss J. McKillican,	2 00
Miss Parker's Class of little girls, Guelph,	2 00
Martintown,	7 00
Belleville,	3 50
Woodstock,	5 25
Zion, Toronto,	16 50
Belwood,	13 10
Embroy,	5 00
South Caledon,	5 00
Toronto, Yorkville,	10 25
Toronto, Western Cong. Church, per Woman's Miss. Society,	6 50
" " " " " Children's Band,	10 00
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	16 50
Georgetown,	14 00
Mr. George S. Armstrong, Fergus,	10 00
Toronto, Bond Street Church,	70 00
Toronto, Northern Church per Ladies' Association,	12 00
" " " " Sunday School,	15 00
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	Total for Ontario, \$527 95
PROVINCES NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.	
St. John, N.B.	20 00
Yarmouth, N.S.	<hr/>
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Less expenses for Postage Stamps and Post Cards,	1 00
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Balance,	\$546 95
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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Mrs. George Robertson, of Melbourne, reports the following sums received from churches in the Province of Quebec :

Montreal, Emmanuel Church, collected by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society, less 40 cts. for P. O. O.,	\$62 15
Montreal, Calvary Church Ladies' Missionary Society,	35 00
“ “ “ Missionary Needles,	20 00
“ “ “ Sunday School,	45 00
Melbourne, Currie Foreign Mission Band,	20 00
Cowansville Ladies' Missionary Society,	15 00
Sherbrooke Woman's Missionary Board and Children's Mission Band,	15 00
Stanstead South Congregational Church,	10 00
Eaton Congregational Church,	8 10
Durham Congregational Church,	5 25
Franklin Centre,	6 00
Ayer's Flats, Rev. L. P. Adams,	5 00
Montreal, G. H. Moodie, Zion Church,	2 00
“ Anonymous,	2 00
Danville Congregational Church,	10 50
Waterville Ladies' Missionary Society,	7 00
Granby Ladies' Missionary Society,	10 00
Granby Willing Workers,	5 00
South Ridge Ladies' Missionary Society,	5 00
Total,	<u>\$288 00</u>

Received since—Ladies' Association of the Northern Church, Toronto,	\$2.00
Mrs. E. Smith, Crumlin,	5.00
Mrs. Wright, Belwood,	1.00
Miss O'Neil, Crumlin,	4.00
Busy Bee Society, Chebogue Church, N.S.,	6.00
Ladies' Missionary Society, Chebogue Church, N.S.,	3.40

The Treasurer has heard of several other sums being contributed, but as the money has not yet been received it cannot be acknowledged.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions.

(Adopted June 10th, 1887.)

I. NAME.

This Society shall be called “The Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions.”

II. OBJECT.

Its object shall be the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the raising of funds for carrying on Missionary work in the Home and Foreign fields.

III. MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing to its funds at the rate of five cents weekly, or a life member by payment of \$25.00 at one time.

IV. OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (who shall be Presidents of the Branch Associations), a Home Secretary, a Foreign Secretary, and a

Treasurer. Of these, the President and one Secretary shall form a sub-committee to decide questions of urgency subject to the approval of the Board.

V. BRANCHES.

The Auxiliary Societies shall, as far as possible, be organized into branches, each of which shall have its President and Vice-Presidents (who shall be Presidents of Auxiliaries), a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected annually. Each branch shall report quarterly to the general Society.

VI. AUXILIARIES.

Any number of ladies contributing collectively not less than ten dollars a year may organize themselves into a Society auxiliary to the Woman's Board. Each auxiliary Society shall be entitled to be represented at the annual meeting by one delegate for each ten dollars contributed to the treasury.

VII. AMENDMENT.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any annual meeting, provided one day's notice has been given in writing.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall from year to year be determined by the Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR BRANCHES.

I. This Association of Auxiliary Societies shall be called the _____ Branch of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board.

II. Its object shall be to band together neighboring Societies, and to excite a greater interest in the work by the use of all suitable means, and especially by arranging for union meetings of the Missionary Societies as often as practicable.

III. The officers of the Branch shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (who shall be Presidents of the Auxiliaries), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers shall be *ex-officio* members of the General Board.

IV. The duty of the Secretary shall be to secure quarterly reports from the Auxiliaries and to forward such reports in condensed form to the Home Secretary of the Board. The Treasurer shall in like manner receive quarterly the contributions from the Auxiliaries and transmit them to the General Treasurer.

V. The annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be agreed on by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

(OPTIONAL.)

I. This Society shall be called the _____ Auxiliary of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions.

II. The object of this Society shall be the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the collection of money for missionary purposes.

III. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

IV. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of _____ cents weekly.

V. Money appropriated by the Auxiliaries to the General Treasury may be appropriated to the Home and Foreign Work in such proportions as may be deemed desirable by the Society.

VI. Each Auxiliary shall report quarterly to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch with which it is connected.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

(OPTIONAL.)

I. An Association of Young People banded together to aid the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions may be auxiliary either to the Missionary Society of its Church, or to the General Society by paying to the general fund at least \$5 annually.

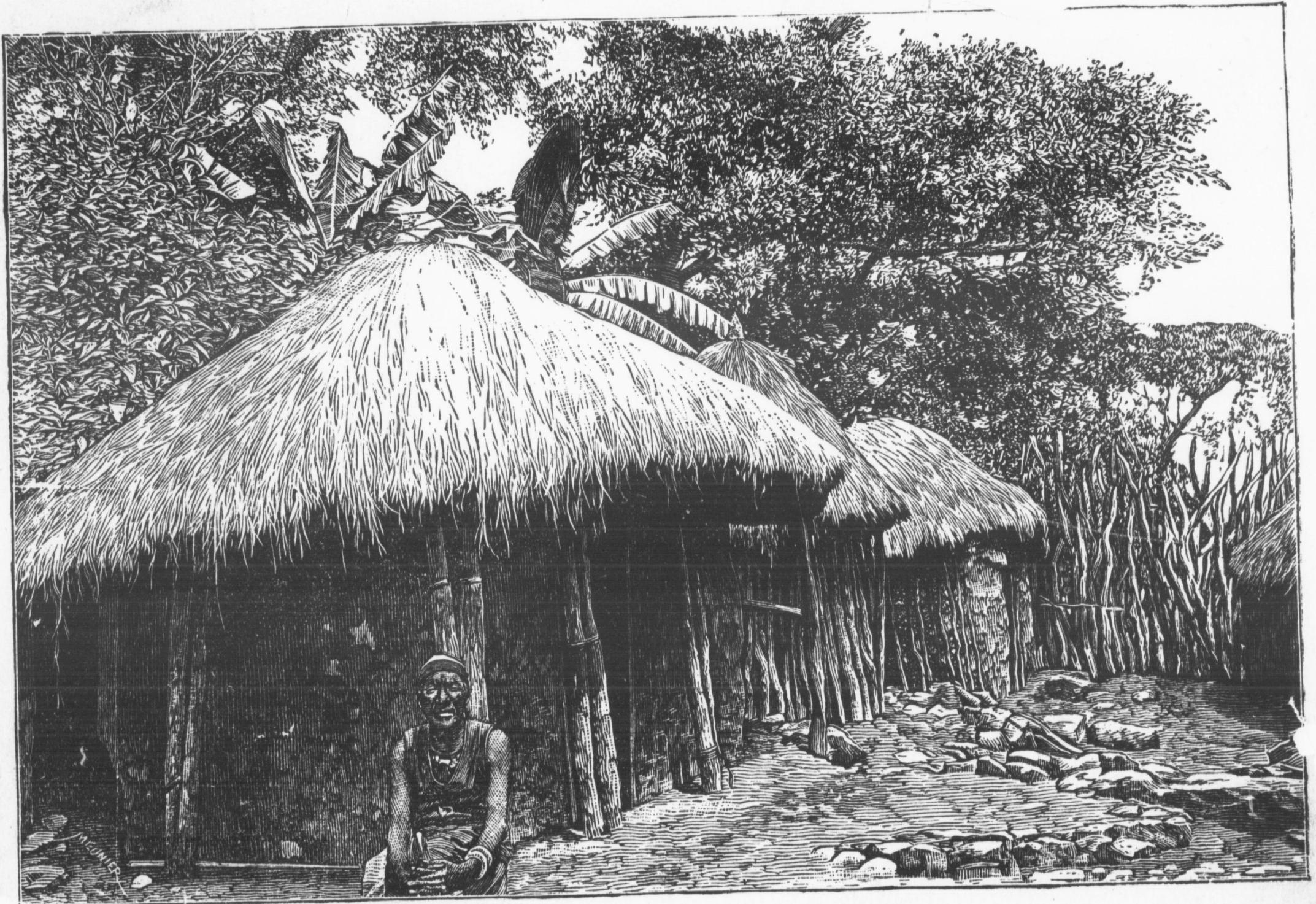
- II. Anyone may become a member of the Band on payment of — cents a week.
- III. The officers of the Band shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually.
- IV. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all stated meetings and to have a general oversight of the work of the Band.
- V. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and to make an annual report to the Missionary Society to which it is auxiliary.
- VI. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same quarterly to the Treasurer of the Society to which the Band is auxiliary or to the Treasurer of the Branch.
- VII. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.
- VIII. Each Mission Band shall be entitled to send one delegate to the annual meeting of the Board.

EXPLANATION OF PICTURES.

HOUSE IN BAILUNDU.—On the title page we give a picture of the house in Bailundu, in which Mrs. Currie died, from a photograph taken by Mr. Currie. In a letter dated March 26th, Mr. Currie says: "The house was one of the first built in the mission. At one time the Walters, Stovers, and Miss Mawhir (now Mrs. Sanders), lived in it. I made several alterations in the interior, so that my wife often expressed herself well pleased with our home and declared it was much better than she expected we would have. One thing is in favor of such a house: though it does not look very fine from without it can be made to look quite neat within and is always cool in the hottest weather, as the heat cannot strike through either the mud walls or the grass roof. Our house has, however, about reached the length of its days, and on my return from the coast next July I expect to pull it down and build another in its place to serve me while I remain here, and afterwards to serve as the home of the two young ladies who are to be sent out to work in connection with this station." Mr. Currie's three boys Kalianali, Samba and Gulu, are standing in front of the house. They are believed to be Christian lads, and of Gulu, who stands near the centre of the picture, Mr. Currie says: "He is a quiet, tidy, thoughtful lad, than whom there is not a more conscientious boy on the place, and already he is able to speak and pray like a young Methodist preacher. The opening in the house, behind Gulu, is the entrance to the dining-room, and under the verandah stands the steamer chair presented to Mrs. Currie when she left Montreal by the Calvary Church Missionary Needles. The kitchen door is at the rear.

KING KWIKWI.—The second picture represents King Kwikwi, of Bailundu, sitting in front of one of his huts. Mr. Currie says: "After my last journey I went to see the King in company with Mr. Stover and carried him a small present of cloth. Mr. Stover told him I wished to take his photograph and asked his consent, which he readily gave, though at first he thought I wished to measure him for a new dress. When I went up to the Ambola he was curious to examine my instruments. After the first photograph was exposed he came up and said, 'If I stand here I can see myself, but how am I going to get into the thing if I sit away off there.' At length he sat for a second time, but scarcely was the cap removed from the lens than he turned to see what Mr. Stover was doing. We tried a third time, and Mr. Stover took his stand behind the instrument and told him to look there, but when I moved the cap again, he stretched out his hand and pointing with his finger said, 'There is where I am looking!'" The fourth attempt, however, was successful and the result is before us. The highest compliment the Bailundus know how to give is to say of a man, 'He is just like King Kwikwi.' The latest letters from Bailundu tell that a Portuguese captain brought the king a very fine piece of furniture rep and he sent for Mrs. Stover and asked her to make him a dress of it; she consented, and when the dress was finished he gave her a chicken and said, "You have done as if you were my wife."

We are indebted to the kindness of Mr. James Baylis, of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, for the loan of these photographs.



KING KWIKWI SITTING FOR HIS PHOTOGRAPH.