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## THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

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## *Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board.*

### INTERESTING TALE OF A RETURNED MISSIONARY—THE NEW OFFICERS.

LANARK, Ont., June 2.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions is assembled this morning in Zion Congregational Church, the President, Mrs. McCallum, in the chair. After the opening hymn Mrs. McCallum struck the keynote of the convention, "Victory and Thanksgiving." Miss James, of Montreal, was appointed Minute Secretary.

The following were the officers and delegates present:—Mrs. McCallum, President; Miss Dougall, Vice-President; Mrs. Freeland, Secretary; Mrs. Nasmith, Northern Church; Mrs. Currie, Bond Street; Miss Snarr, Zion, Toronto; Miss Patton, Paris; Mrs. Bayne, Belwood; Mrs. (Rev.) Barnet, Bowmanville; Miss Derry, First Church, Kingston; Mrs. Ruthven, Ottawa; Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. McDougall, Miss Ella Munro, Maxville; Mrs. Scantlion, Mrs. Hunt, Lanark; Mrs. Moodie, Miss James, Zion Church; Miss E. Cochrane, Calvary, Montreal.

Reports were received from the Toronto, Guelph, Ottawa, Listowell, Paris and Hamilton and Quebec branches. Interesting discussions arose concerning membership fees, Easter offerings, thank-offerings and mite boxes. Some societies have a small fee for membership, but most have none, expecting

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every lady in the church to give something toward the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. Some societies count every lady who will take a mite-box as a member. All churches, it was suggested, should make an effort to raise an Easter offering, and a thank-offering at Thanksgiving time, to devote to some special object. Almost every report mentioned the value and helpfulness of the "Monthly Leaflet," edited by Mrs. Sanders, of Montreal, and containing interesting letters from missionaries. Mention was also made of the money sent by the Board this year to help build a Swedish church in Wetaskawin, Alberta. The Quebec Branch holds two meetings a year, in this way reaching the country as well as the city. The meeting closed with a devotional hour led by Miss Dougall.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Barnett, of Bowmanville. The President's address was full of encouragement and hope for the future. The great troubles through which the mission fields in Turkey, India and other countries have passed during the last year have been the means of breaking down opposition and opening up new fields for labor. God has wrought marvels in this way. Congregationalists have a reputation for liberality, they should consider their own work first, a denomination is like one large family. A great deal has been given to special objects this year, and ought to have been given, but special objects should not come first, the regular pledges must not be neglected.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Scantlion, of Lanark. Miss James, of Montreal, replied, graphically describing the enthusiastic arrival and cordial welcome received. Mrs. Dr. Reeves and Mrs. Dr. Cameron, of Lanark, brought greetings from Presbyterian and Baptist Boards and the Rev. D. C. Macintosh and Mr. J. L. Alexander gave a welcome in the name of the churches of Lanark, Middleville, Hopetown and Rosetta.

Mrs. Robert Freeland, of Bowmanville, spoke in her secretary's report of the year's work in Africa. A kindergarten has been established at Cisamba as well as at some of the other stations. The youngest children are thus gathered in to be trained up in the Christian life. There is also a class of chiefs, some of whom are ready now to join the Church. There are at present about thirty members of the church; they were greatly delighted with the communion set sent by the ladies. In Systematic and proportionate giving are most important. If one has a tithe laid aside, one can generally give cheerfully a little to any cause, pledged work first. We must learn to be loyal to Christ and his cause in home and foreign lands. Those who do not know the joy and the privilege of giving something

toward the coming of the Kingdom of God are much to be pitied. Even a cent a week given cheerfully and with prayer will help on the work. The great need of a hospital was dwelt on, as so many infectious diseases are brought into the station by the natives. We should keep in touch with our missionaries, especially by prayer—"send them love by way of the throne." Galene, a young girl supported by the Board, in Miss McCallum's school in Turkey, is progressing well in her studies; she has just one year more at school. The 'Monthly Leaflet,' containing news of the missions, is circulated among the home churches to interest and arouse enthusiasm; we could not do without it now.

The Treasurer's report showed that enough had been received to pay \$950 for the salaries of the two lady missionaries in Africa, and \$600 for the Home Missionary Society, with \$70 for the support of an Armenian girl. Donations for specials had passed through the treasurer's hands to the extent of \$1,109, principally for the famine in India and Armenia, and for the Ella F. Williams' Memorial Hospital in Cisamba. Too much, it was thought, had been given to specials in proportion to what was given to the regular funds. The total receipts were \$2,802.92. The balance on hand includes \$600 for the Memorial Hospital.

Miss Dougall showed some maps of Africa which were to be given away, with the suggestion that they be tacked up in the homes where the children will often see them and thus become familiar with geography and missions.

Mrs. Nasmith of Toronto, assisted by Miss Snarr, gave a very constructive and interesting catechism on denominational activities. This is becoming a yearly institution. It is called the "Year Book Symposium."

Letters were read from the missionaries in Cisamba, Africa; Miss Helen Melville, Miss Margaret Melville, and the Rev. Valter Currie, also from Miss H. M. Barker of Constantinople, and from the Rev. W. T. Gunn, the treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board, who spoke of the probability of two new missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, being sent out next year, and asked that the Woman's Board assume their share of the expenses of the station.

In the evening Mrs. Freehand gave a very interesting talk on "Our African Mission," beautifully illustrated with stereopticon views. Many young people were present and lasting impressions were made.

On Thursday morning a paper on "Home Mission Work in the City," by the Rev. James Pedley, was read by Miss Maude

Watt, of Lanark, followed by one on "Home Mission Work in the Country," by Mrs. C. E. Bolton, read by Mrs. Kennedy, of Maxville. Mrs. Barnet, of Bowmanville, then read a touching appeal from Mrs. Sanderson, W.C.T.U. President for the Province of Quebec, on the relation of temperance to church and missionary work. Mrs. Sanderson showed that Christian nations were sending to Africa 70,000 gallons of rum for every missionary sent out. Satan teaches that the interests of trade are more important than the eternal destiny of millions of our brothers and sisters in Africa. The paper concluded: "Sisters, what is our attitude? Let us stand up and be counted. Loyalty to Christ that is satisfied with paying the minister's salary and filling the pews on Sunday, and missionary enthusiasm that expends itself in attending meetings and paying subscriptions to the C. C. W. B. M. and takes no practical interest in the temperance cause, deserves to be questioned as to its sincerity and genuineness. 'These things ought ye to have done and not to have left the others undone.'" This paper was followed by the devotional hour led by Mrs. Barnet.

In the afternoon Miss Wood's paper on "Systematic Giving" was followed by an animated discussion, and a show of hands indicated that many present were giving by system. The need of a widespread distribution of leaflets on this subject was pointed out.

Miss Patton, of Paris, and Mrs. Moodie, of Montreal, next dealt with the subject. "How to Arrange Branch Meetings" and a discussion followed on the value of conventions.

Miss Derry, of the Girls' Own Band in Kingston First Church, gave an interesting and enthusiastic report of their society. This band of young ladies has forty dollars in hand for the Memorial Hospital, and is now engaged in making garments for the pupils in Miss Nugent's school, Ahmednagar, India.

The Board received three invitations for next year's meeting, one from Paris, one from Guelph, and one from Zion Church, Montreal. It was decided to accept that of Paris.

The Minnehaha Memorial Library was spoken of and auxiliaries urged to take out the books and circulate them.

A map exercise on the thirty-three Home Mission Churches was given by Miss Dougall with an account of the Swedish Church in Alberta, and the report of Mrs. Watson's tour in Nova Scotia. The need of missionary work in Rossland was brought out in several papers.

The officers of the Board were all re-elected. Among the recommendations of the Business Committee were the following:—That the Board assume its share of the expense of the Cisamba station and that the auxiliaries should contribute

rk towards Mrs. Ross's outfit; that the "Monthly Leaflet" should  
ly, be placed, if possible, in every family; that the Mission Bands  
ch and Junior Endeavorers should be invited to contribute towards  
the kindergarten outfit for Cisamba and that a thank-offering  
bur circular and envelopes should be sent out.

istia Mrs. Currie, of Toronto, mother of the Rev. Walter Currie, of  
ever Cisamba, read an interesting report of the year's work at that  
tra station, and showed a great number of African curios. One  
of chief had sent her, by her son, the most valuable thing he  
ster possessed, a very handsome dish, others had sent various gifts,  
nte these are among Mrs Currie's greatest treasures. A large  
ster executioner's knife" was regarded with some awe, also the  
nth battle-axes or tomahawks. There were sticky, malodorous  
viti lumps of rubber, which serve as currency, and curious musical  
etic instruments which required some ingenuity to play.

as At the children's hour, Miss Graham, returned missionary  
ha from Turkey, spoke on Armenian customs. Miss Graham  
w showed her Turkish passport with the Sultan's signature. It is  
aid that the first Sultan asked to sign one of these could not  
ing write, so he dipped his fingers in the ink and rubbed them  
and round, leaving a number of semi-circles. This figure is still  
ne retained with a few curious scrawls added. The children were  
w much pleased to examine the Turkish hymn-book and testa-  
ment, and the Armenian rosary, made of olive beads from  
ne Bethsemane, and husks such as the prodigal fed upon

igs In the evening Miss Graham gave an address on Turkey,  
iving numerous incidents showing the ridiculous misrule of  
that country. The heavy taxation and suppression of liberty of  
the any kind combine to make this poverty-stricken country what  
it is. There is almost no opportunity of mission work among  
the Mohammedans, but much is needed for the Armenians. As  
an illustration of the good accomplished by schools, Miss  
in Graham told of a girl named Hosanna Mosesian who had been  
re brought from the mountains and educated at Aintab. Hosanna  
was a stubborn girl and sometimes caused her teachers so much  
an care and worry that they almost lost heart about her. But they  
kept her on, and when her education was finished, made  
her promise to teach for three years before she did anything  
like else. She went to a town on the Euphrates with another girl  
named Rebecca, and these two, with the pastor's widow, lived  
with a little schoolroom, teaching by day and visiting in the  
evening. On New Year's Day, 1895, they were disturbed by a  
the loud uproar in the city. As the noise came nearer they were  
w frightened and hid in the cellar, but being found there, they  
were dragged out and told to abjure their faith. Hosanna  
declared that they might kill her, but she would never deny her

Saviour. They dragged her away and shut her into a little room with a lot of people who had abjured their faith, and she might have just two days in which to decide whether she would give up her religion or become a slave, the most degraded lot that could fall to a woman. Hosanna stood firm, on the second night they came to her and said she must die now. What were her last words? Snatching up a bible which lay with some booty on the floor, she read the passage asking "What can separate us from the love of Christ?" "This is the last word," she said, "nothing shall separate me from Christ."

Then they beat and maltreated her in every way, but she would not give in. They told her that she was the only Christian left in the city and that she should now become a slave. She prayed for death, but instead of death God sent her deliverance. The missionaries of Aintab on hearing of the massacre sent word to the Pasha that America would hold him responsible for the lives of the three Christian women. The Pasha at once sent for Hosanna, Rebecca and the pastor's widow, and had them safely conducted to the mission at Aintab. Such conversions as that of Hosanna are surely worth all the money expended on missions.

There were thirty five boarders at the girls' school in Aintab. They formed a foreign missionary society of their own accord on the hearing of the miseries of the women in China, India and Africa. These girls had no money of their own, but they begged to be allowed to give up half of their simple lunch, at least once a week, that they each might have a small part in the weekly offering.

Miss Graham kindly sang a verse of a hymn in the Armenian language, and showed a doll dressed in native costume.

The Lanark ladies sent conveyances twelve miles to Perth for the delegates, and provided most hospitably for them, giving sumptuous luncheons and supper in the parsonage. What was even more highly valued by the Board was that they turned out so well to the meetings, and many were present from Middleville, Rosetta and Hopetown.—*The Daily Witness*.

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Receipts "Monthly Leaflet".....	\$ 162 04
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" Home.....	246 92
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DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$2,681 72
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“ Memorial Hospital (2 years).....	599 90
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“ Special Objects.....	73 50
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## BRANCH CONTRIBUTIONS—TOTALS.

Guelph, \$123.64; Listowel, \$47.80; London, \$51.90; Ottawa, \$67.38; Paris and Hamilton, \$154.90; Toronto, \$708.31; Winnipeg, \$111.85; Nova Scotia, Kingsport, \$5; Quebec, \$24.25. *Miscellaneous*—Ontario, \$251.12; Quebec, \$85.30; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$29.91; collections, 1895-96—annual meetings, \$25.02; interest on bank account to Jan., 1897, \$16.54.

FRANCES A. SANDERS, *Treasurer*.

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, March 22, 1897.

Mrs. Frances A. Sanders:

DEAR FRIEND,—Yours of Nov. 25th to hand, and we are pleased to have it. The Leaflets have reached us lately, and are quite interesting, although it looks as if some of us needed to improve our spelling of personal names and places.

We very much appreciated your kindness in sending us the papers you mention, and which came to hand. We now have a ring of the donkey that was burned to take his father's place. He is a fine playful fellow, and promises to kick just as well as his father did.

Our \$200 are ready for the Ella F. M. Williams Memorial hospital, and I fervently wish it were built and under the care of a skilled physician from our Canadian churches. It would be such a relief to us all and a blessing to the work.

My teeth have been troubling me for the past two years. Now they are in such shape that I resolved to go to Mr. Goodside, in Sakanjimba, last Monday and have them fixed. My carriers were arranged, and we were only waiting for the morning light to break in order to start. At 2 o'clock in the morning I was called out of bed, however, to attend a white man fifteen miles away from the station, who was found to be suffering from a severe attack of bilious pernicious fever. After spending five hours over this man I had him brought to the station, and on my return here found a soldier, sent by Captain Santos, and suffering from land scurvy (*Purpura Hemorrhagica*.) When came a man who had a splinter enter his eye. Under the circumstances it is necessary to continue masticating my food as



best I can, seeing it is not very easy to get along without eating even in the mission field.

This morning one of our boys, a cousin of the pastor, Ngulu died quite unexpectedly. This was a great shock to us especially as the sister of Ngulu died here last year. It is all a very great trial for the young man, but by the grace of God he keeps steadfast.

My old friend, the chief, Hunké, heard that Mrs. Currie was not very well, so yesterday he sent a young man 30 miles to the station to enquire about her health and to bring me about three kilos of rubber to help pay for her medicine. He said I was to work harder and get her better. I thanked the chief with the grace I could, and doubtless the man thinks he did the very wisest thing in the world. I am sure this is a case where it was "better to give than to receive," though it might not have been in the case of a white man.

Mr. Smith and three of the older lads have arranged to go tomorrow to the Ombala of the above chief to put up the frame of a school-house. His young men have cut the timbers, and he plans to erect the building entirely at his own expense in order that we may send teachers and evangelists to instruct the young people and preach to them the truth as it is in Jesus.

When we were building the Clara Wilkes C. Memorial School some good missionaries said they did not know what we were going to do with such a big place. We are now profoundly thankful that it is not smaller, and we are already considering how we can improve the seating arrangements so as to make it hold in comfort more than it now does. At our Sunday-school we have sometimes over two hundred present.

In about a month the members of the mission expect to come here for the annual meeting. On that occasion I will be expected (as President) to preach the second sermon in English I have ever delivered in Africa. The very thought of it recalls to mind the remark of a lady in Hawkesbury concerning the students, "you young men ought to pay us for letting you practise on us." I think, however, it would please my husband better to pay the members of the mission to let me do without practising on them.

Our ladies are all pure gold, and each in her own way is working hard for Christ and the spread of the gospel among the heathen about us. Give our greeting, please, to the friends at home, and especially those who are helping us by their prayers.

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