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INTERIM MINUTES OF DECISIONS
BY CORRESPONDENCE:

In December, 1887, letters were received from Rev. Silas Huntingdon and others concerning the Indian School at White Fish Lake, Nipissing District, and asking that the \$200 salary given the teacher by the Government be supplemented by \$100 additional from the Woman's Missionary Society.

Upon this being referred to the members of the Executive, a unanimous vote was given in favor of the grant.

In January, 1888, the testimonials and certificates of Miss Gussie Preston, Brantford, and in June, 1888, those of Miss Jessie K. Munro, Peterboro', were sent to the Executive, and they were both accepted as missionary teachers for Japan.

A letter in reference to different parts of the work and requesting counsel, having received the sanction of the Executive, was sent to the General Board of Missions meeting in Winnipeg, September, 1888.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT MRS. GOODERHAM'S, APRIL 4TH, 1888.

Present, Mesdames Gooderham, Carman, Williams, Rosebrugh, Ross, Strachan and Chisholm.

Interim minutes read by Mrs. Strachan.

On motion, it was resolved, "That the Executive approve of the action of the President in ordering the payment of Miss Hart's travelling expenses to Port Simpson."

The President stated that there were several important questions for this meeting to consider, one of which was the further enlargement of the Girls' School in Tokyo, Japan.

After hearing letters from the missionaries in Japan as to the necessity of having more room, it was resolved, "That our lady missionaries be authorized to enlarge the school building at Tokyo, Japan, and that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for that purpose, \$1,500 of which shall be paid this year."

Letters were read from several candidates for the mission work in Japan, also certificates as to the qualifications of each, when one was accepted, subject to further approval upon fuller information.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Saunby, of Kofu, was read, asking that a school be established there, or, at least, a lady missionary sent to that city. It was resolved, "That having heard Rev. Mr. Saunby's letter, we assure him of our sympathy in this work, but feel we must defer action for the present."

A communication was read from Mr. E. Odlum, Azabu, Tokyo, asking that a young lady be sent to the Boys' School there. Moved and seconded, that it be deferred to the Annual Meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Large, suggesting that a dressmaker be employed for the Japanese girls in the school. This matter, on motion, was deferred to the Annual Meeting.

Instructions for the guidance of the missionaries in Japan, concerning the work, were submitted, when it was resolved that these or similar instructions be recommended for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

Authority was given to buy the First Reading Book on tablets, etc., for the school in Tokyo.

Information concerning the French work was given by Mrs. Ross, when it was resolved, "That we approve the action of the Committee on French Work in uniting with the parent Society in the proposed new French Institute in Montreal.

A letter was read from the General Secretary of the parent Society concerning a Chinese Home in Victoria, offering to build such a Home if the Woman's Missionary Society would furnish it and meet the cost of maintenance. It was moved and carried, that we thankfully accept the offer of the parent Society.

It was decided that Miss Leake's travelling expenses be paid over and above the appropriation.

In reference to appointing a delegate to the World's Missionary Convention, in England, it was resolved that Mrs. Blackstock and Mrs. Dr. Skinner be appointed such delegates.

The question of ordering a leaflet on "Systematic Giving" was discussed, when it was resolved, that the offer made by a lady through Mrs. Gooderham be accepted, viz.: that if the Society would pay for 1,000 of these leaflets (\$7) she would pay for another 1,000.

On the subject of the Indian Missions, under Mr. McLean and Mr. Green, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Carman and Mrs. Strachan, to obtain all information possible concerning these missions.

Mrs. Carman gave notice of motion, that at the Annual Meeting she would move that Section 3, Article V., of the Constitution, be amended, by inserting after the words "with the President," the words "and Corresponding Secretary," thus enlarging the Executive.

A letter was read from Dr. Cochran, in which he tendered the resignation of his daughter as teacher in the Tokyo school. As Miss Cochran had left the school before a communication could reach her from this Committee, no action was taken on the letter by the Committee.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
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The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Church, Canada, assembled in the Lecture Room of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, October 16th, 1888, at 10 a.m., and continued in session for three days.

There were present:—

Mrs. Jas. Gooderham, *President*, Toronto.

Mrs. Dr. Carman, *Vice-President*, Belleville.

Mrs. Strachan, *Corresponding Secretary*, Hamilton.

Mrs. Dr. Roseburgh, *Treasurer*, Hamilton.

WESTERN BRANCH.—Mesdames Burns, *President*, St. Thomas; Cunningham, *Corresponding Secretary*, Galt; Russ, Woodstock; Langford, London South; Detlor, Clinton; Stoney, Hamilton; Owrey, London; Williams, Ingersoll; Dickson, London; Messimore, Brantford; Phelps, Mount Pleasant; McMechan, London; T. M. Campbell, St. Mary's; J. Campbell, Guelph; Sharpe, Brantford; Crawford, Hamilton; Leech, Goderich.

CENTRAL BRANCH.—Mrs. Dr. Williams, *President*, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Briggs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Toronto; Mesdames Blackstock, Aikins, W. J. Hunter, McKay, Hillock, Gundy, Tyner, W. W. Ogden, Parker, Willmott, Miss Wilkes, Toronto; Locke, Collingwood; Weldon, Lindsay; Massey, Sidney; Bascom, Uxbridge; Lewis, Belleville.

EASTERN BRANCH.—Mrs. W. E. Ross, *President*, Montreal; Mrs. T. G. Williams, *Corresponding Secretary*, Montreal; Mesdames J. Cowan, Montreal; Dunlop, Pembroke; Rockwell, Kingston; Donaldson, Brockville; Antliff, Montreal; White, Brockville.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.—Mrs. MacCoy, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.—Miss Palmer, St. John, N.B.

The first thing to engage the attention of the Board, after devotional exercises, was a letter from Mrs. Chisholm, *Recording Secretary*, regretting her inability to be present, and stating that it would be impossible for her to accept any office in the Society, should such be desired. This communication was received with much sorrow, and a resolution was afterwards passed expressing the Society's appreciation of Mrs. Chisholm's valuable services.

On motion, Mrs. J. B. Willmott was appointed *Recording Secretary, pro tem.*

The rules of procedure were adopted as printed on the programmes.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held during the year and decisions by correspondence were read and confirmed.

The following resolution was then adopted: "That on the adjournment of this session the delegates from different Branches meet in separate rooms, and select, in order to form the Nominating Committee, three from the Western Branch, three from the Central Branch, two from the Eastern Branch, and one from Nova Scotia, and one from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The following committees were authorized: Memorials and Resolutions, Appropriation and Finance, Modes of Work and Supply, Courtesies, Publications, Missionary Candidates.

The Nominating Committee subsequently presented their report.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mesdames Burns, Locke, Cunningham, Crawford, Leech, Aikins, Massey, Bascom, Dunlop, Rockwell, Antliff, MacCoy, Ross, Ogden, and Miss Palmer.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Mesdames Rosebrugh, Burns, Hillock, Lewis, Briggs, Ross, T. G. Williams, MacCoy, Detlor, Strachan, Weldon, McKay, and Miss Palmer.

COMMITTEE ON MODES OF WORK AND SUPPLY.

Mesdames Carman, Detlor, Messmore, Phelps, J. Campbell, Dr. Williams, Dr. Briggs, McKay, Cowan, Donaldson, Weldon, Gundy, White, and Miss Palmer.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES.

Mesdames Stoney, Williams (Ingersoll), T. M. Campbell, Aikins, and Bascom.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

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COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

Mesdames Langford, Dickson, Russ, Blackstock, Locke, Strachan, MacCoy and Williams.

Miss Wilkes was requested to prepare reports of the sessions for the daily papers.

Very gratifying reports were read from the various Branches and outlying Auxiliaries.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's report, which was then presented and adopted, showed receipts to be \$19,070.38, an increase of \$4,872.87.

The joyous gratitude, which filled all hearts on hearing these reports, found expression in singing heartily, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

An address of welcome to the visiting delegates was read by Miss Carty, and responded to by Mrs. Antliff, of Montreal.

Then followed the President's address, which, on motion, was ordered to be printed in the Annual Report.

Mrs. Burgess, of India, was introduced to the meeting and spoke a few words, bearing more especially on the importance of earnest prayer in our mission work.

Mrs. Ed. Blake, after presenting warm greetings and best wishes of the ladies of the McAll Mission, gave a short but interesting sketch of the work being done by that society.

Mrs. Ewart, on behalf of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, assured us of their hearty sympathy with all our work.

Mrs. Wills presented cordial greetings from the Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Bastedo represented the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Cowan presented fraternal greetings, wished for our Society continued and increased prosperity, and asked for a larger sympathy with the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Very satisfactory and encouraging reports were read from Mrs. Large, of our school in Tokyo; from Miss Cunningham, of the school in Shidzuoka; from Miss Lund, of the Evangelistic Work, chiefly in Tokyo, and from Miss Knight, of the Crosby Home, Port Simpson.

A very special pleasure was then afforded the meeting by the introduction of Mrs. Crosby, who spoke for a short time on the work being done for the Indians, and the opportunities for increased helpfulness to them. Questions relating to the work were answered, after which a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Crosby, for her very interesting address. The ladies showed their appreciation by rising.

Gratifying reports were also read from the McDougall Orphanage, the Home at Chilliwack, and the Chinese work at Victoria. A letter also from Dr. Sutherland, stating that he had purchased a property in Victoria, consisting of three lots, each 60 x 120 feet, with a two-story house on the centre one, which would afford all necessary accommodation for the home. The price paid was \$6,000, of which the General Board paid \$3,000, and this Board was asked to assume the balance.

The report of the French Work was read by Mrs. Ross, Montreal, and adopted.

The Committee on the subject of the Indian Missions under Mr. McLean and Mr. Green, reported that there are about 2,000 Blood Indians, 700 or 800 of them under Mr. McLean's care, who preaches to them in their camps, as they will not gather into a centre. Their numbers are decreasing.

The Orphanage at Naas, carried on by Mr. Green, has been discontinued, and a Boys' Industrial Institute substituted for it at Port Simpson.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates, reported in reference to five young ladies that, on receipt of further testimonials satisfactory to the Executive Committee, they be placed on the reserve list.

Letters were read from Rev. Mr. Huntingdon in reference to the removal of an Indian band from White Fish Lake to a Hudson's Bay post, and the re-opening of a school there.

A letter was also read from Mrs. Large, showing the great assistance a good dressmaker would be in their school, as the Japanese, in adopting our ways, must be taught economy, and proposing a plan by which the present outlay of the Society would soon be returned. A Japanese lady had offered to pay half the travelling expenses. There was also a communication from Rev. Mr. Saunby, asking that a lady missionary be sent to Kofu.

The time having come for the election of officers, the President asked that a few minutes be spent in silent prayer, after which she requested Dr. Parker, who was present, to occupy the chair during the election.

The election was proceeded with by ballot, with the following result:—

<i>President</i>	MRS. J. GOODERHAM.
<i>Vice-President</i>	" DR. CARMAN.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" J. B. WILLMOTT.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" E. S. STRACHAN.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" DR. ROSEBRUGH.
<i>Editress of Outlook</i>	" DR. PARKER.
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Very cordial invitations were received from both London and Montreal for the next Annual Meeting. The former was at first chosen, but after information had been received that the General Board of Missions was to meet in London next October, the motion was reconsidered, and the invitation from Montreal was accepted.

Resolved, "That Mrs. Ross, Mrs. T. G. Williams and Mrs. Torrance be a Committee to arrange for cheap rates for the delegates to Montreal."

In view of arrangements having to be made before another Annual Meeting for the French Work, it was resolved that the school at Actonvale be continued another year, viz., 1889-90.

The following questions were asked and answered:—

1. Does Article V., on Mission Bands, leave it optional with Bands to send reports either to Branch Secretaries or to Auxiliaries? Yes.

2. How can we make the most exact report to our Annual Conferences? shall it be last year's returns? Yes.

3. What are "Circles"? The same as "Bands," but when there are two it has been deemed expedient to call the senior one a "Circle."

4. Does it seem wise to expend so much on the Home in Victoria, when we hope the need for a Home may soon be ended? Economy is studied in all details, no more being spent than will carry on present work.

5. Would it not be advisable to bring girls, educated in our Mission Schools, out for servants in Christian homes?

6. Could not the girls spoken of by Mrs. Crosby be found employment on their own coasts?

No. 5 answers No. 6.

7. Is it the intention of this Board to give so large a grant every year to the McDougall Orphanage? shall we not expect it to be largely self-supporting? We must be guided in appropriations by their needs; as their income increases from other sources they will call less upon us.

Would it not be well for our delegates, on returning home, to interview their pastors, and ask them, when practicable, to have one prayer-meeting in the month, a missionary prayer-meeting, where letters from missionaries, etc., might be read.

In answer to a question, it was stated that the Metropolitan Auxiliary intends to continue the support of a lady in Japan.

There was some conversation on the amount of money to be aimed at raising this year, in which a number of ladies took part, all recognizing the importance of earnest prayer in our work, and the blessedness of giving.

During one of the sessions Rev. Dr. Stafford handed to the Treasurer the sum of \$141, donated to the Society (through Mr. Wm. Gooderham) by a lady whose name was not given.

Collections were taken up on two afternoons, amounting to \$19.55,

and a much larger one at the evening meeting, when the Metropolitan Church was well filled with a delighted and enthusiastic gathering.

Exceedingly interesting addresses were given by Rev. Wm. Burgess and his gifted wife on their work in India. The audience was also favored by these friends with a very sweet singing of hymns in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindustani.

Too much praise cannot be given to the ladies who so bountifully and elegantly entertained the delegates day after day in the beautiful and commodious parlors of the church.

Each session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by different ladies, and the hour for testimony on Wednesday, presided over by Mrs. Messmore, was exceedingly profitable, about twenty-five ladies taking part.

The business transacted will be largely found in the following memorials, resolutions and reports adopted.

MEMORIALS.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

1. From Carlton Street Auxiliary, Toronto—

Whereas, we believe the interest of our Society would be advanced by a fuller knowledge, on the part of the women of our Church, in regard to the workings of our Society, it was moved, seconded and carried, "That we as an Auxiliary beg to recommend to the favorable consideration of the General Board the advisability of a free distribution of a copy of the Annual Report to each Auxiliary member"

2. From Metropolitan Church Auxiliary—

Whereas, we believe that the circulation of the Annual Report of our Society is confined almost entirely to its membership; and, whereas, we are convinced that a wider distribution would, by diffusing more generally a knowledge of the work and aims of the Society, be conducive to its best interests, therefore, "Resolved, That we, the members of this Auxiliary, request the General Board to provide for the issue in the future of a largely increased edition of the Annual Report; and we would further suggest that, after supplying members, the surplus be divided gratuitously in such a manner as the Board may approve."

3. From the Metropolitan Church Auxiliary—

Believing that much time is wasted, at many Auxiliary meetings, in discussions as to the proper method of electing officers, and with the view of obviating this difficulty in the future, we would ask the General Board to take into consideration the advisability of passing a

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by-law definitely fixing the form of such elections; and we would further recommend that said elections be by ballot.

4. From Metropolitan Church Auxiliary—

Fully appreciating the difficulty experienced in some of the smaller Auxiliaries, particularly in providing interesting programmes for the monthly meetings, and believing that, if possible, this want should be supplied, we recommend that the General Board arrange for the preparation of a plan of uniform study for Auxiliaries, and that the same be published in the *Outlook* monthly, in advance.

5. The Young People's Mission Circle, and the "Coral Workers' " Mission Band of the Metropolitan Church, unitedly and earnestly request the General Board to take into consideration the advisability of asking that a portion of that department of the *Outlook* now given to "Our Young Folks" be placed at the disposal of the Woman's Missionary Society, to be devoted to the publishing of a monthly scheme of uniform study upon our own mission work, suitable for Circles and Bands, also helpful suggestions from band workers.

Resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Central Branch—

6. "That as there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the real meaning of the resolution on page 119 of the Annual Report, regarding the proper place for the names of life members in our report, we respectfully ask the Board of Management to further explain and make it clear.

7. "That we recommend to the General Board to make the distribution of the Annual Report free, and that the expense be provided for by a general collection, to be called the "Publishing Fund," said fund to cover the Leaflet Fund also; and to be in the proportion of \$1.00 for each Auxiliary numbering twenty-five or less, and in the same proportion for larger Auxiliaries."

WESTERN BRANCH.

9. Whereas, on account of the increase in our membership, and the great expense incurred in sending so large a number of delegates to the General Board, the Western Branch recommends that Section 1, Article V., read: "That for the Central and Western Branches the basis of representation be in the proportion of one to every two hundred members."

10. Resolved, "That this Branch request the General Board of Managers to fix the price of the Annual Report at ten cents; this price to be printed on the cover."

11. Resolved, "That it would be desirable to change the time of annual meetings, we, therefore, request that the date for closing the financial year be June 15th. This to apply to Auxiliaries only."

12. (a) "We recommend that the General Board be memorialized

to prepare a monthly programme to be printed for the use of Mission Bands," and

(b) "That letters be prepared especially for Mission Bands."

13. Resolved, "That in view of the scarcity of the leaflet entitled "Our Work," the Annual Board be requested to increase the number printed to ten thousand (10,000).

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

14. Whereas, information has been received, and strong reasons presented, for the establishment of a Home among the "heathen in America," of the tribes whose headquarters are located at Chilliwack, B.C.;

Also, that Rev. and Mrs. Tate are trying to maintain nine Indian children and an indispensable assistant on \$400 per annum; that they are supplementing the inevitable deficiency from their own limited income; lodging these destitute ones on their own premises, and adding the cares and labors bestowed upon them to their already arduous duties;

Therefore, resolved, that the Nova Scotia Branch memorialize the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society, to do all in their power for the establishment of a suitable Home for Indian children at Chilliwack or Sardis.

15. The Halifax Mission Bands having felt, in carrying on their work, the need of suitable missionary literature especially adapted to young children, would respectfully represent to the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society the urgent need for at once supplying this want.

At present we are dependent upon the publications of the Presbyterian Church, which provides bountifully for the education of the young in this respect; and while we can, and do, use these publications, we would much rather interest our Bands in the work of our own missionaries, but, under present circumstances, suitable material is not available.

At the Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch, recently held in Windsor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, the Halifax Mission Bands having presented the foregoing memorial to the Nova Scotia Branch, setting forth the great lack in the Methodist Church of Canada of appropriate missionary publications to engage and retain the interest of children, the members of the Nova Scotia Branch, convened in annual session, do hereby request the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society to appoint a committee to prepare and provide suitable literature for Mission Band work, in the form of leaflets containing information of our own mission fields, dialogues, short poems, missionary hymns, etc., thus avoiding the present dependence upon the publications of other denominations.

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16. Resolved, "That we, as a Branch, heartily endorse the change in the Constitution suggested by the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, and recommend that the change be made."

17. Whereas, from statements received of the work done in Chilliwhack by Mrs. Tate, and her untiring zeal and self-sacrifice in the cause; and, whereas, we do not deem it expedient to overtax the strength of our missionaries, therefore resolved, "That this Branch request our General Board to send Mrs. Tate efficient assistance."

18. Whereas, it is deemed unwise for the Mission Band Treasurer to hold moneys too long in her possession; and, whereas, it is best to lighten the burdens of young officers, therefore resolved, "That we request that the word 'quarterly' be substituted for the word 'annually,' in Section 6 of the Constitution of Mission Bands."

19. Whereas, it is deemed advisable that books of auxiliary officers be uniform; and, whereas, inexperienced officers find difficulty in keeping their books; therefore resolved, "That we, the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, request our General Board to have prepared a set of books for the use of auxiliary officers."

20. Whereas, from the united statements of delegates at our Annual Meeting, too little time is given for preparation for said meeting; and, whereas, the time that suits one Auxiliary will not suit another; therefore resolved, "That we, as a Branch, request our General Board to remove from Article X. of By-laws for Auxiliaries the words 'Annual Meeting' and 'in September,' and insert such words as shall enable us to control the time of election of our own delegates."

EASTERN BRANCH.

Whereas, the following resolution was carried at the late meeting of the General Board of Missions, we, the members of the Eastern Branch, would respectfully urge the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society, to accede to the proposals therein contained; we, in return, pledging ourselves to do all in our power to assist the Society in meeting the heavy demands made upon it.

Copy of Resolution: "An amendment was moved by Dr. Sutherland that the Board authorize the erection of the proposed French Institute on the basis of tenders approved by the Board of Directors. That the whole building be completed in accordance with plans proposed by architect Hill, provided that the Woman's Missionary Society will agree to pay the rent for that part of the building occupied by the female pupils, equivalent to the interest on \$10,000, and provide for a fair proportion of investing and running expenses, and otherwise the building of the south wing shall be deferred for the present. Carried. It was also decided to ask the Woman's Society to appoint a committee to consult with the directors of the Institute on all matters respecting the management of the girls' department."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

MEMORIALS Nos. 1, 2, 7, 10.—In reference to memorials Nos. 1, 2, 7, 10, the Committee on Publication reported, "That in view of the publication of the leaflets entitled 'Our Work,' and also the report of the Corresponding Secretary, that the Annual Report be sold at five cents, and that 5,000 copies be printed."

MEMORIAL No. 3.—Committee on Memorials recommended, "That No. 3 (regarding elections in Auxiliaries) be not entertained, leaving each Branch at liberty to make its own by-laws."

MEMORIALS Nos. 4, 5, 12, 15.—The Committee on Publication reported, whereas, the increasing demand for missionary literature makes some changes necessary, therefore resolved, "That there be a Literature and Publishing Committee to provide leaflets, uniform programmes and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and that the following ladies be appointed: Miss Palmer, New Brunswick; Miss Silver, Nova Scotia; Miss Wilkes, Central Branch; Mrs. Fowler, Western Branch; Eastern Branch to appoint its own representative; and that these ladies be associated with the Editress of the *Outlook*; also, that this committee be a standing one."

MEMORIAL No. 6.—After some discussion on this subject, it was decided, "That the names of life members be printed with the Auxiliaries where they reside."

MEMORIAL No. 7.—It was resolved, "That an annual collection be taken in each Auxiliary to be called a 'Publishing and Literary Fund,' to be of at least one dollar from each Auxiliary; to be placed at the disposal of the Literary Committee, and also the balance on hand of the Treasurer of Leaflet Fund."

MEMORIAL No. 9.—As to basis of representation, the Committee on Memorials recommended that this be not entertained. After expressions of varied opinions from many ladies representing each Branch delegation, on motion, the recommendation of Committee was accepted.

MEMORIAL No. 11.—In reference to the request to change the date of holding the annual meeting of Auxiliaries to June 15th, the Committee on Modes of Work recommended that this be entertained. An amendment, that the date remain as at present, prevailed.

MEMORIAL No. 13.—The Committee on Memorials recommended that this be entertained, viz.: that 10,000 leaflets on "Our Work" be printed.

MEMORIAL No. 14.—In regard to a Home for Indian children at Chilliwack, was sent to the Committee on Appropriations, which recommended (subject to the approval of the Committee of Consultation and Finance), that \$2,000 be appropriated for building, half of which is to be paid this year: Matron's salary, \$350; travelling

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MEMORIAL No. 16.—That the Constitution be altered, amending Section 3, Article V., by inserting after the words "With the President," the words "and Corresponding Secretary," thus enlarging the Executive, was adopted, due notice having been given to the various Branches.

MEMORIAL No. 17.—Similar to No. 14, regarding Chilliwhack, the Committee recommend that this be entertained.

MEMORIAL No. 18.—Asking that Mission Bands be required to make returns quarterly, the Committee recommend that this be not entertained.

MEMORIAL No. 19.—As to a set of books for Auxiliary officers, the Committee recommend that this be entertained, and that Mrs. Detlor be appointed to prepare the books. On motion of Mrs. Detlor, the report of Committee was amended, so as to provide that the Committee on Publication should prepare the books. Subsequently, the latter Committee recommended that a set of books be prepared for the use of Auxiliary officers; that we leave the matter to the Committee, and that Mrs. Dr. Burns and Mrs. Detlor be the Committee.

MEMORIAL No. 20.—The Committee recommend that after the word "September," in Section 10, of By-laws for Auxiliaries, the words "or such other meeting as may be most convenient," be inserted. The By-law will then read as follows:

Section 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 in the proportion of one for every Auxiliary numbering twenty-five or under, and two for every Auxiliary numbering fifty or more.

MEMORIAL No. 21 (French Institute).—The Committee on Memorials recommend that this be entertained, with the following addition—

Resolved, "That while the Woman's Missionary Society accept the proposal of the General Board of Missions in reference to the payment of the interest upon \$10,000, the amount required for the erection of the Girls' Wing of the French Institute, Montreal, they stipulate that said interest be paid for a term of years, not exceeding ten

"Before binding themselves further, they wish to know what is meant by 'investing and running expenses,' the term used in the resolution passed by the General Board.

"They also ask that they be allowed three members upon the Board of Directors of the said French Institute, and a fair representation on the Board of Management"

The Committee on Modes of Work recommend, "That the care of the French Work be entrusted to a committee of ladies elected from

the different Auxiliaries in Montreal. We would suggest that Mrs. John Torrance be appointed by this Board as Treasurer of the French Work."

The Committee on Modes of Work recommend, "That in order to meet the objections frequently met with in urging the formation of new Auxiliaries, a leaflet be prepared in an attractive form, setting forth the advantages of such an organization to the work of our Church, and such leaflet be distributed as freely as possible, placing it in all churches not represented in our Society."

Referred to the Committee on Publication.

This Committee recommended that this be entertained, with the addition of, "Ten reasons why I should be a member of the Woman's Missionary Society," and that Mrs. McKay be asked to prepare this leaflet. On motion of Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Detlor was requested to prepare it.

The Committee on Publication recommend, "That there be 400 letters printed monthly, with power to increase the number, if necessary; also, that 6,000 leaflets be published, and that the Corresponding Secretary's Report be issued as a leaflet."

The Committee on Modes of Work recommend, "That the Committee on Leaflets be authorized to keep a supply of the best leaflets to be had for sale;

"That where any specially good, instructive and appropriate papers are prepared, that copies of them be placed in the hands of our Literature Committee, for the use of Auxiliaries requiring them; and that any such papers now in possession of our members be forwarded to the Committee;

"That in the election of delegates to the Branches and General Board, a majority vote be required."

Resolved, "That all special resolutions passed at this meeting be collected in one department of the Report."

Resolved, "That to expedite business at our General Board, it is recommended, that when delegates are elected at our Branch meetings, they meet at once and select three of their number, who shall be members of the Nominating Committee, and meet, one-half-hour previous to the opening session of the Board, to arrange for committees, their places and times of meeting."

Resolved, "That Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Rosebrugh and Mrs. W. A. Robinson be the committee to publish the Annual Report."

Resolved, "That Miss Wilkes have charge of the Leaflets."

After the reading of the Report of the Leaflet Committee by Miss Wilkes, and its adoption, it was

Resolved, "That, on account of the length of the report, only the totals be printed in the Annual Report, instead of in detail, as formerly."

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The Committee on Modes of Work recommend, That a special plan of work be prepared for our returned missionary, Miss Cartmell, similar to that arranged by the General Board for their visiting missionaries. We would also suggest that these meetings, when possible, be held in the afternoon, as more beneficial to the women in our Auxiliaries, and less trying to our missionary. We beg leave to suggest that the Branch Corresponding Secretaries with the organizers, in consultation with Miss Cartmell, prepare the plans. Sent to the Committee on Appropriations, which Committee subsequently recommended that, in regard to the foregoing, \$300 be allowed Miss Cartmell for this year.

Resolved, "That the Supply Committee be the same as last year, viz.: Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. T. Walker and Mrs. Dr. Willmott."

Mrs. Carman gave notice that at the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, we add to the Constitution, to provide for filling vacancies in case of any accident in the interim, by adding to Sec. 2, Art. V., the following: "And any vacancies occurring in the interim shall be filled by the Executive."

"Resolved, That we have heard with much regret of the resignation of our highly esteemed and efficient Recording Secretary, Mrs. Addie Chisholm; and while acceding to her request, we desire to assure her of our high appreciation of her work in our Society in the past, and that our best wishes and sincere prayers will follow her."

Resolved, "That as a Board we deeply appreciate the continued interest, care and labor of Mrs. Large in connection with our mission in Tokyo, and feel especially grateful for her self-sacrifice in remaining in Tokyo during the summer holidays, to superintend the building operations; and we recommend that, at some suitable time, Mrs. Large be granted such rest as may be deemed necessary."

Resolved "That we gratefully recognize the help given by the Book Room to our Supply Committee, in receiving and shipping goods sent; we recommend that, as far as practicable, the printing of the Society be given to our Book Room."

After the reading of a paper, entitled "Negative Responsibility," prepared by Miss Silver, of Halifax, it was

Resolved, "That the sincere thanks of this meeting be presented to Miss Silver for her thoughtful and earnest paper, and to Mrs. MacCoy for reading it, and that it be published in the *Outlook*."

Mrs. Bascom presented kind greetings from Mrs. Youmans, who was at the time in the city very ill, whereupon it was

Resolved, "That an expression of our deep sympathy with Mrs. Youmans in her illness, and our appreciation of the work in which

she has been so earnestly engaged, be sent her by the Secretary." Prayer was then offered for Mrs. Youmans.

The Committee on Courtesies moved the following votes of thanks :—

To Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, for their addresses ; to Rev. Mr. Hooker, for presiding at the evening meeting ; to the organist, Miss Kerr, and to Miss McCallum, for a solo ; to the Billeting Committee ; to the ladies who so hospitably entertained delegates ; to the Editress of " Woman's Work " in the *Outlook* ; to the Press ; to the lady who gave \$141 ; to the Supply Committee ; to Miss Lillie Wilkes, who presided at the organ during the day sessions ; to Mr. Rice, for lettering blackboard ; and to Mr. F. W. Watkins, Hamilton, for auditing Treasurer's books.

Resolved, " That we again urge the appointment of one lady in each Auxiliary to canvass for the *Outlook*, and thus increase the circulation, and that this be added to the by-laws for Auxiliaries."

Resolved, " That we respectfully request the Corresponding Secretary to ascertain the number of conversions on all our mission fields during the year, that we may have some idea of the spiritual work accomplished."

Resolved " That the Western Branch be responsible next year for reply to address of welcome."

Resolved, " That written papers be dispensed with, and that, if time permits, we devote an hour for exchange of thoughts, and comments on the work."

Resolved, " That our watchword be the same as last year—Malachi iii. 10—and that we not only adopt it, but live up to it, and prove it in its fullest meaning."

Report of Committee on Appropriations read and considered, item by item, and adopted :—

JAPAN.

Tokyo :			
Salaries of Five Lady Teachers	\$3,000 00		
Salary of One Day Teacher	350 00		
Support of Six Girls	300 00		
Balance, Payment of Alterations	1,500 00		
			\$5,150 00
Salary of Dressmaker (for the meantime)	400 00		
Travelling Expenses	250 00		
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Evangelistic Work			
Shidzuoka :			
Salaries of Two Teachers	1,200 00		
Teacher and Interpreter	180 00		
Furniture	100 00		
Sundry Expenses, S. S. Papers (Japanese), Postage, Jinriksha, etc.	50 00		
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Kofu :

The Committee recommend that this Board authorize the Executive Committee to send a lady to Kofu during the year, if considered advisable, and that there be appropriated—

For Travelling Expenses	\$250 00
One half-year's Salary	300 00

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The Committee recommend that this Board authorize the Council to purchase land in Tokyo in the neighborhood of the school, if a good opportunity offers.

FRENCH WORK.

For Actonvale School	1,200 00
French Institute, Montreal :	
Half-year's Interest on Cost of Building Girl's Department.....	\$300 00
Furnishing Girl's Department	1,000 00

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INDIAN WORK.

Crosby Home :	
Miss Knight's Salary	450 00
Miss Hart's Salary	350 00
Support of Twelve Girls	600 00
McDougall Orphanage	1,200 00
Chilliwhack :	
For proposed building \$2,000, half to be paid this year	1,000 00
Matron's Salary.....	350 00
Travelling Expenses (if necessary)	150 00
Support of Ten Children	500 00
Furniture.....	150 00

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The Committee recommend that there be left in the hands of Executive Committee, until further information is received from Mr. Huntingdon in reference to the removal of the Indians from White Fish Lake, the sum of

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CHINESE WORK.

Victoria :	
Miss Leake's Salary	\$450 00
Miss Leake's Assistant.....	250 00
Travelling Expenses (if necessary)	150 00
Support of Six Girls	300 00
Repairing, Moving, etc.	100 00

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HOME WORK.

Miss M. J. Cartmell.....	300 00
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The Committee recommend that the matter of house-furnishing outfit to the extent of \$50 for three girls, who, having completed the five years in the McDougall Orphanage for which they enlisted, have returned to their camp friends, be left to the Supply Committee.

Subsequently, in open session, this was reconsidered, and on motion, this supply of outfit was limited to the one girl now engaged to be married.

Resolved, "That we instruct the Executive Committee to give a grant during the year to assist in supporting children in the Orphanage about to be opened in St. John's, Newfoundland."

INSTRUCTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONARIES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

Inasmuch as the number of our lady missionaries in Japan is increasing, and many matters have to be decided promptly, without time for reference to the Executive Committee, and which could not perhaps be properly apprehended even if referred, be it resolved—

I. That our missionaries form themselves into a Council (four of whom shall form a quorum) to meet once a month at a time appointed by themselves. They may meet oftener, if need be, on the call of the Chairman or President, said chairman to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee or Board; she shall also be Corresponding Secretary and Foreign Treasurer.

II. The Council shall also meet annually, when it is expected that all our lady missionaries in Japan shall be present. At this meeting the estimates for the succeeding year shall be considered and authorized prior to being sent to the Corresponding Secretary in Canada.

III. The Council shall annually elect its own Secretary, who shall keep a record of all proceedings.

IV. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all official correspondence, both with the Home Board and the ladies in other mission stations.

V. When missionaries are sent out, their place of work shall be assigned them by a majority vote of the Council, except where there is a special request from the Board of Managers.

VI. The curriculum of all our schools shall aim to be the same; any changes desired shall be made at the Annual Meeting.

VII. The Council shall not have power to legislate in regard to the work outside of Tokyo, without representation from the station interested.

VIII. If any funds appropriated by the Annual Meeting are not required for that particular object, they can be used for another purpose on the recommendation of the Council, and with the approval of the Executive. Should there be a surplus from native sources, the Council shall be at liberty to use this as it may deem best.

IX. In case of any matter of great importance arising between the Annual Sessions of the Council, the vote of the distant members may be obtained in writing. A two-thirds vote shall be required to carry a measure.

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DEAR SISTERS,—I am sure it is with feelings of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we come together again to recount His goodness to us, and to endeavor to strengthen each other's hearts and hands in this great missionary cause in which we are all so deeply interested.

"The Lord hath been mindful of us;" and it becomes us to adopt the language of the Psalmist, and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Every year in the history of this Society we have been able to report a steady increase, numerically and financially; and when we have received all the reports from committees and missionaries, the Secretary and Treasurer, I have no doubt that the past year will be found to have been more successful than any that has preceded it.

There is not only a great advance in the membership and income of the Society during the year, but more aggressive work has been done, through a larger number of ladies being engaged in advocating the claims of the Society upon the membership of the Church, which has resulted in the organization of many more Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

This is not surprising, when we remember that the membership of the Canada Methodist Church is about two hundred thousand.

The wonder is why we did not much earlier enlist in this much-needed service, if for no other reason than this, that the reflex influence upon the women at home is full compensation for any time, labor, or money they have bestowed upon it.

From the testimony of some of our most thoughtful, experienced, and successful class-leaders and Sabbath-school teachers, I am free to say that no scheme of the Church has been more useful than this Society has been in leading the women into a larger experience of the efficacy of prayer and the faithfulness of God, bringing their lives into more harmony with the Divine will, and in sympathy with the compassionate Jesus.

The ladies who are employed in this enterprise are not neglecters of home duties, or of other Church and benevolent work.

They certainly do know more about "redeeming the time," "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and kindred commands in God's Word, such as "Neglect not the gift that is in thee," "Stir up the gift that is in thee."

There is an encouraging improvement in the methods employed for increasing the interest, membership and income of the Society. Notably, among these, I would mention that in many of the churches the ladies have gained the consent of the Quarterly Boards, so that one prayer-meeting in the month, or quarter, is decidedly missionary

in its character, when extracts from missionaries' letters are read, offerings received, and, above all, prayer is made to "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest."

Another feature of this work that has impressed me deeply is the amount of latent talent that has been developed by it. Women who were afraid of their own voices in the class-meeting and prayer-circle, have forgotten almost how timid they once were; and, in their concern for others, have forgotten themselves.

As I look about me, the absence of many very youthful faces would create some anxiety regarding the future of our cause, were it not that from our Mission Bands we receive so much encouragement.

We need the enthusiasm of youth, as well as the calm judgment of riper years.

The young have many opportunities to become better informed as to the religions, customs, and populations of all lands, and they are more impressionable than many who are more advanced in life. Again we repeat it, "They are the hope of our cause."

A great impulse has been given this year to Foreign Missions through the presence in this country of several missionaries and converts from heathen lands. The deeply interesting and eloquent addresses of the Pundita Ramabai, a high caste Hindu widow, has made the deplorable condition of women, and especially that of widows, in India, more real to us than ever before, and brought home to us the fact that as our fellow-subjects, belonging to the same great empire, ruled by our own beloved Queen, they have a double claim upon our sympathy, prayer and assistance.

Bishop Taylor has stimulated the zeal of some of our most earnest women, and we trust has awakened many slumbering professors to a sense of the danger of refusing to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" foe of heathenism.

From Dr. McDonald, of our own Church, to whom we are so deeply indebted for the counsel and assistance he has so cheerfully rendered the agents of this Society in Japan, we have gained much valuable information as to how and where we can best extend the kingdom of Christ in that land.

Mr. Hiraiwa, an educated Japanese gentleman and Christian minister, has visited many of our churches and homes, and in his interesting and impressive way, has shown us how much can be done by the women of this Society for the women in Japan.

Those of us who heard the quiet, thoughtful, earnest teaching of Hudson Taylor, have been fired afresh with the missionary spirit, and have learned from him many valuable lessons of trust in God. What he said of the London weekly prayer-meeting being the backbone of the success of the China Inland Mission, is worthy of being remembered.

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To-day, we have in this city the Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Burgess, of the English Wesleyan Mission in India. I trust that you are all praying that their words this evening may be in the power of the Spirit, and they may be mightily used of God in removing the apathy that still exists in many of the churches on the subject of Foreign Missions. For what Dr. Duff stated many years ago is still too true: "The Church is only playing at Missions." We sometimes ask, can these words of the Saviour be fulfilled? "The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

In the face of this declaration, we have the fact that there is only one Christian woman to every two hundred heathen women in the world, and that while the churches have gathered three millions of converts from heathen lands, their populations have increased two hundred millions. Many such statistics could be given, showing the importance of greater activity and obedience to the Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But we must not forget that more is being done in that direction than ever before.

Of the 2,000 communicants connected with the China Inland Mission, 550 were baptized during the last year. Only a few weeks ago my heart was stirred to its depths, as I heard the testimonies of the young people (and I believe the majority were ladies), who have gone to China with Mr. Taylor, and to India under the Salvation Army. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon them in their journeyings, and make them wise to win souls. Every year the Macedonian cry comes into our ears, "Come over and help us." Hitherto, we have not been able to respond to all of them. The Lord has answered our prayers for more workers, and we shall have to consider the application of a larger number of candidates than on any former occasion.

This Society has been singularly happy in the choice of its agents, who are doing satisfactory work in their several spheres of labor. How often the petition has gone forth, "Lord, save us from mistakes." I trust that prayer for guidance will always be earnestly made by those offering, as well as by those on whom devolves the responsibility of deciding whom to send.

If our prayers have been sincere, we will not put obstacles in the way of their being answered, and as suitable candidates are available, we will in faith enter the open doors, trusting the Lord to fill the treasury and meet every want.

It would be very interesting to know just how far we have each acted upon the text chosen from the sacred Word last year: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in My

house, and prove Me herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

God is faithful; we have reaped what we have sown, and it has been done unto us according to our faith; when we have devised liberal things, with liberal things we have been satisfied.

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

This is a representative gathering; delegates from all the Branches meet here. As our numbers are augmented, so should the volume of our faith and prayer be increased. As we are "All with one accord in one place," may we be "filled with the Holy Ghost," anointed to do the work for which we are assembled, and carry away with us memories that will help us in all our endeavors throughout the coming year.

We know not what shall be the character of the service to which the Master will call us in the future. It may be to "labors more abundant," or to "come up higher." It may be in sorrow and suffering and waiting that some of us shall hear the answer to the question, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

This is the time allotted for the reception of delegates from sister societies. We welcome you among us, and rejoice in your prosperity. Your success has been an inspiration to us.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

With the minutes of all decisions of the Executive during the year, and direct reports from the various mission fields, there seems but little left for the Corresponding Secretary to glean.

The printed letters have kept the Society pretty well informed as to the conditions and needs of the institutions under our care, and while glad tidings have come to us of the manifest presence of God with our earnest, devoted representatives, and of His continued blessing on their labors, surely songs of praise have welled up from our hearts, and renewed enthusiasm has inspired our efforts. It often causes regret that these good news do not reach beyond the narrow circle of the average few attending the monthly meetings.

When the heart realizes its identification with Christ in His conquest of the world, what a hunger there comes for news from the battle-field—any part of it—but specially from the different points where some brave, self-denying ones are holding up the standard, and carrying on the warfare as our substitutes.

To-day, in our annual gathering, we can exclaim with joyful gratitude, "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

JAPAN.

In Japan the work is still marked by God's rich blessing, and continued prosperity is the result.

Notwithstanding the planting of other schools with rich endowments and appliances in the neighborhood, our Tokyo school continued to be crowded, so much so, that the workers were much embarrassed, and more room was essential. It was with reluctance that the Executive Committee felt compelled to take the responsibility during the year of authorizing enlargement, but the other alternative of delaying action for twelve months seemed to involve greater responsibility.

The original building has been taken down, and one more suitable and convenient has been erected, with a detached dining-room and kitchen for the pupils.

There is now accommodation for our five resident lady teachers, and the school-rooms will not be so overcrowded. Land is still very much needed, as there is but little space for exercise.

We cannot fully estimate our indebtedness to Mrs. Large, who has, with much self-denial, remained in the city during the hot season, depriving herself of the pleasures and rest of vacation, in order to superintend the erection of this building, with all its attendant discomfort of noise and dirt. She has, no doubt, prevented mistakes as well as expense, by her thoughtful planning and watchful care.

It speaks well for the popularity of this school, that during this past year the receipts from native sources have met all current expenses, with the exception of the salaries of our Canadian ladies and the cost of the five or six supported girls, and have furnished a surplus of six hundred yen.

Miss Wintemute is rapidly advancing in the acquirement of the language, while in the school she superintends with ability the English department.

Miss Maud Cochran's earnestness and fidelity in the musical line are producing very satisfactory results.

Three ladies have been sent to Japan, in accordance with the arrangement at last Annual Meeting—Miss Morgan, of Brantford, Miss Preston, of Mount

Pleasant, and Miss Munro, of Peterboro'—the salary of the latter being guaranteed by the Metropolitan Auxiliary, Toronto.

Last December Miss Cochran retired from the school, and another daily teacher had to be employed for a time, until the arrival of Miss Preston.

Two of the supported girls have gone off the list, being far enough advanced to assist in teaching, thus paying for their further tuition.

The best tidings of all is that God has graciously given His Spirit to dwell in the hearts of many of these girls, and although all have not been baptized who desire it, yet the truth is winning its way.

The school in Shidzuoka, inaugurated largely by the faith and liberality of two ladies in Toronto, has met with marked favor, so much so, that the Japanese themselves have this summer erected a building for its accommodation, and the residence of our lady missionaries. The running expenses are also paid by them, this Society being called upon only for the maintenance of its representatives. Before the vacation the school was crowded, and it is expected the new quarters will be fully occupied.

Through all last winter Miss Cunningham bravely superintended and carried on the enterprise, with no English companion in the school; and being the first year in the country, it was no ordinary task. Her hours of perplexity and depression were, however, often relieved by the advice and kind sympathy of our missionaries, the Rev. Mr and Mrs. Cocking. This winter she will be assisted by Miss Morgan, who has spent some months in the Tokyo school.

In the Evangelistic Work, Miss Lund has been indefatigable, and has proved herself well adapted to it, as well as to teaching, in both of which she has been engaged during the year. Meetings with the women have been continued, Sabbath-schools greatly stimulated and helped; and Bible-women, not only in Tokyo, but in other places, have been directed, instructed and encouraged. Fruit has been very evident, many having been led to the church services, and ultimately to the knowledge of "the truth as it is in Jesus," and to baptism, through this agency.

We have a band of noble workers in Japan, earnest, faithful and unsparing of themselves; they deserve our cordial sympathy and our prayers.

INDIAN WORK.

The Indian Work has still a large share of our thought and interest. Our pity is touched by the physical wants and sufferings of our red brethren and sisters; and to relieve them, many boxes and balés of clothing have been sent; but, conscious that our chief object is to relieve spiritual and mental destitution, we are still more concerned as to the best way of meeting this need.

The Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, B.C., still shelters and trains twenty-one children. During the year Miss Knight, who has labored so patiently and unfalteringly, has been called to undergo considerable physical suffering in her hand, obliging her to rest entirely and seek a change, with medical treatment, in Victoria. We are glad to hear that she has returned in very much better health.

Miss Hart, of Berwick, N.S., was, last winter, secured to go to the assistance of Miss Knight, and, though very young, has proved herself highly competent, a part of the time having had the whole care of the institution.

The removal of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, who founded this Home and have watched over it during all these years, will cause much regret, their advice and encouragement have greatly aided the ladies who have had the more immediate charge of the Home, and their society will be sadly missed.

The self-sacrifice manifested by them in opening their own home for the shelter and education of poor Indian children has been reproduced at Chilliwack, B.C., by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Tate, who have done what they could with the means at their disposal. Nine children have been received here, and

several others strongly urged.

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several others refused for lack of room and means for their support. They strongly urge the need of a suitable school building.

We are hoping for information and advice from the Parent Society, which shall make our course plain in regard to this and other important parts of our work.

The McDougall Orphanage and Training Institute at Morley, N.W.T., has had the brightest year of its existence hitherto, its income more than meeting its expenditure. The work has been done under difficulties, for want of room and proper appliances, the pressing need being ever apparent of a large, suitable building and workshops, with tools, so that the children may be properly instructed in industrial pursuits. A good beginning has, however, been made under the patient, unceasing leadership and teaching of Mr. and Mrs. Youmans, in farming, gardening, ranching and blacksmithing, while the girls have learned much of household economy.

One little boy from this Institution has passed to the better land during the year, giving evidence that the truth taught had been received by him in faith.

FRENCH WORK.

The French Work through the year has been highly satisfactory, the school at Actonvale continuing the favorable record of the previous year under the able superintendence of Madame Roy, and a small school having also been carried on in the city. Great praise is due to the ladies of the Montreal Auxiliary who, at the sacrifice of much time and thought, have visited and supervised the management of these schools. The proposition of the Parent Society in regard to a girls' department in the new French Institute, will be a subject for consideration at this annual meeting. A more promising line of work seems to be opening up among our French-Canadian fellow-subjects, giving hope for grand results in the future.

CHINESE WORK.

The Home for Chinese girls in Victoria, B.C., has been, since January, under the management of Miss Leake, who has been manifestly "the right one in the right place." Her work has been one of difficulty and much privation; being without assistance, she is unable to leave the Home except when some friend may call and remain with the girls, thus giving her freedom for a little while. Patient plodding and cheerful hopefulness mark her spirit, and she reports much improvement in those under her care. The Parent Society has generously purchased a house and land for this institution, which will be a most important and valuable help in this work.

HOME ASPECTS.

There is much to encourage in our Home Work; the reports from the various Branches recording increase in every department, but still there is much room for advance.

How many in our churches still care for none of these things? How often we forget that "the Church of God exists not only as a rallying, but a radiating centre"—the talent used is but increased. Let us get so near to the Saviour that we may hear Him say, "As My Father hath sent Me, so send I you," and also the words, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." And as we turn over the page of another year's history, may gratitude mingle with unflinching trust and unwearied effort.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE SOCIETY'S GROWTH.

	No. of Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Auxiliary Mem- bers.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Total Ratable Membership.	Mission Bands.	Increase.	Mission Band Members.	Increase.	Amount Raised.	Received by General Treasurer.	Net Increase.
Western Branch ..	68	22	1535	359	132	20	1717	21	10	581	66	\$5933 35	\$5861 60	\$1711 24
Central "	53	12	1492	203	84	20	1576	30	11	1029	276	6490 23	6184 55	1257 02
Eastern "	26	7	711	177	29	7	740	11	3	374	197	2375 58	2 54 79	347 88
Nova Scotia "	26	5	601	129	41	9	642	14	7	407	172	2297 92	2152 58	220 46
N. B. & P. E. I. Br..	28	21	638	456	15	12	633	8	5	193	165	1701 83	1605 84	976 21
AUXILIARIES.														
St. John's E., Nfld..	1	..	39	..	1	..	40	1	..	33	..	198 87	198 57	31 77
St. John's W., "	1	..	28	..	1	..	29	..	..	..	..	126 77	126 22	13 72
Winnipeg, Man. ...	1	..	33	11	2	1	35	..	..	..	..	60 50	59 56	.....
Qu'Appelle, N.W.T.	1	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	3 00	2 50	.....
Victoria, B.C.....	1	1	16	16	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	16 75	16 75	16 75
Total	216	68	5176	1351	306	69	5482	85	36	2622	876	19209 80	18462 93	\$4523 34

From Auxiliary and Mission Bands \$18462 96
 Other Sources 607 48
 \$19070 44

By Annual Fees \$5126 14
 Mission Bands 4112 80
 Sale of Reports 115 52
 Life Members' Fees 2347 80
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 1887.
To Balance on hand * \$10,950 12
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Receipts of Central Branch from following Auxiliaries :

Metropolitan	\$1159 89
Eastern	544 55
Queen Street Church	484 06
Carlton Street Church.....	405 48
Elm Street Church	401 00
Central Church.....	156 45
Spadina Avenue Church	104 00
Euclid Avenue	53 23
Wesley Church	50 50
Brampton	271 63
Bridge Street, Belleville	249 06
Tabernacle, "	54 14
Napanee	130 25
Uxbridge	142 83
Picton	90 50
Barrie	78 42
Oshawa	96 48
Bowmanville	38 24
Streetsville.....	43 12
Lakefield.....	32 59
Newmarket	43 64
Orono and Kirby	44 12
Newcastle	25 21
Lindsay	37 15
Smithfield	85 10
Brighton	14 00
Georgina Island.....	10 70
Peterboro'	118 48
Port Hope	97 41
Ontario Ladies' College	37 00
Stirling	30 00
Foxboro'	30 50
Schomberg	39 37
Castleton	28 00
Albert College Mission Band.....	14 00
Parkdale	68 84
Collingwood	55 88
Cobourg	34 45
Sidney	44 06
Orillia	31 00
Tweed	29 78

Carried forward \$5,505 09 \$10,950 12

* This amount, \$10,950.12, on hand October 1887, was appropriated by the annual meeting at that time, and was expended accordingly during the year succeeding. The income of the past year, \$19,070.38, added to it make \$30,020.50, the sum total.

Treasurer.
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RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Amount brought forward	\$5,505 09	\$10,950 12
Port Perry	17 79	
Pickering	16 00	
Downview Mission Band.....	19 03	
Bath	18 45	
North Toronto	25 00	
Donations and collections :		
Collected by Mrs. Gooderham	565 00	
Mrs. Dr. Wood, Crosby Home	50 00	
Prof. Wilson, in memoriam	50 00	
Per Mrs. Willmott	5 00	
Mrs. G. Jackson	5 00	
Mrs. D. B. Stickney, Newburgh	2 62	
Mrs. J. G. Yelland	1 00	
Gratitude	2 00	
Dr. Butler's lecture	105 35	
Miss Cartnell	30 20	
Quarterly Meeting Collection	21 21	
Branch Meeting Collection.....	16 55	
Quarterly Meeting Collection	11 75	
Balance	7 07	
Mrs. Massey	5 00	
Sale of chain	4 00	
Sale of reports	1 80	
Interest	0 95	
Subscription	4 35	
		<u>\$6,490 23</u>
Less expenses.....	\$228 78	
Balance on hand	76 90	
		<u>\$305 68</u>
Amount remitted		6,184 55
Receipts of Western Branch from following Auxiliaries :		
Aylmer	\$36 02	
Brantford	126 41	
Brussels	36 10	
Burlington	60 00	
Caledonia	19 00	
Charing Cross	127 00	
Clinton, Rattenbury Street	158 04	
" Ontario Street	11 35	
Chatham	135 44	
Carlingford.....	8 00	
Dundas	140 17	
Eden Mills	16 96	
Fingal	30 02	
Fullarton	20 60	
Goderich	37 39	
Guelph, Norfolk Street	95 75	
Gorrie	12 80	
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Grimsby	31 95	
Holmesville	61 67	
Hamilton Centenary	802 83	
" Gore Street	80 00	
" Hannah Street.....	74 25	
" Wesley Church	161 74	
" First	183 87	
Holstein	4 75	
Harriston	13 75	
Ingersoll	63 71	
Jarvis	94 96	
Jerseyville	37 30	
London, Queen's Avenue.....	680 60	
" Dundas Street	142 46	
" South.....	46 43	
" West	44 00	
Little Lake.....	7 65	
Mitchell	97 70	
Milton	71 30	
Mount Pleasant.....	50 00	
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	72 00	
" " South	70 94	
Norwich	11 00	
Otterville	21 53	
Oakville	106 35	
Owen Sound	87 25	
Paris	90 40	
Rockwood	78 65	
Strathroy	41 00	
Simcoe.....	39 37	
Siloam and Zion	53 00	
Seaforth	41 82	
Stratford	59 00	
Selkirk	4 00	
St. George	57 58	
St. Mary's	101 45	
St. Thomas, Central.....	22 15	
" First	250 78	
St. Catharines, St. Paul's	240 47	
" Welland Avenue	109 69	
Teeterville	52 29	
Tilsonburg	49 55	
Thorold	118 57	
The Grove	33 28	
Union	120 00	
Waterdown	34 50	
Wingham	5 00	
Waterford	20 00	
Alma College	60 00	
Maple Grove Mission Band	6 40	
Mrs. J. Harris, Glen Allen.....	10 00	
Mrs. (Rev.) D. W. Snider, Life Membership Fee..	25 00	
Evening Collection, Mitchell.....	5 53	

Carried forward \$5,930 52 \$17,134 67

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Brought forward.....	\$5,930 52	\$17,134 67
Grimsby Assembly	10 00	
Interest	7 83	
	<u>\$5,938 35</u>	
Less expenses.....	76 75	
Amount remitted		<u>\$5,861 60</u>

Receipts of Eastern Branch from following Auxiliaries:

Montreal	\$502 64	
Kingston	180 88	
Brockville	100 90	
Pembroke	140 89	
Gananoque	171 45	
Ottawa	113 34	
Greenwood	65 00	
Cornwall	105 42	
Spencerville	47 30	
Morrisburg	20 83	
Kemptville	15 40	
Farmersville	25 38	
Cataraqui	22 20	
Renfrew	16 10	
Ross	12 95	
Cobden	13 75	
Mallorytown	27 00	
Perth	35 00	
Carp	30 00	
West Winchester	18 75	
Merrickville	22 00	
Huntingdon	43 14	
Point St. Charles	25 01	
Inkerman	5 55	
Montreal, East End	35 75	
" Mission Band	193 25	
Ottawa " "	200 00	
Kingston " "	85 70	
Quebec " "	50 00	
Mrs. Edwin Chown (for girl in Japan)	50 00	
	<u>\$2,375 58</u>	
Less expenses	120 79	
		<u>\$2,254 79</u>

Receipts of Nova Scotia Branch from following Auxiliaries:

Halifax North	\$400 63	
Halifax South	532 27	
Guysboro'	95 90	
Windsor	73 44	
Musquodoboit	41 31	
Horton	75 83	
Wesley Church, Yarmouth	104 00	
Providence Church, "	150 00	

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RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Brought forward	\$1,473 38	\$25,251 06
Amherst	20 75	
Truro	73 22	
Canning	48 60	
Berwick	61 00	
Oxford	64 05	
Digby	35 72	
Auburn	43 23	
Parrsboro'	41 18	
Mahone Bay	10 00	
Canso	62 00	
Dartmouth	40 57	
Hantsport	28 64	
Wallace	19 20	
Kingston	49 23	
Londonderry	32 47	
Port Greville	14 02	
Bermuda	110 68	
Collection at Annual Meeting	51 60	
On hand from last year	75 00	
	<u>\$2334 54</u>	
Less expenses	\$126 96	
On hand	55 00	
	<u>181 96</u>	

Amount remitted *\$2,152 58

Receipts of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
Branch from following Auxiliaries:

Centenary	\$289 36
Queen Square	58 24
Richmond	100 00
Sackville	106 47
Point de Bute	30 04
St. Stephen's	95 60
Fredericton	73 20
Charlottetown	260 55
Bedeque	161 92
Tryon	48 90
Woodstock	83 58
Summerside	16 50
Marysville	18 50
Moncton	17 42
Baie Verte	25 50
Portland	31 81
Gagetown	6 67
Albert	7 18
Cornwall	57 35
Hampton	8 94

Carried forward \$1,497 73 \$27,387 64

* In addition to the above, \$50 has been sent direct to Crosby Home by Mrs. George Starr, of Halifax South Auxiliary.

RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Brought forward	\$1,497 73	\$27,387 64
Hillsboro'	5 77	
Margate	32 95	
Pownal	2 34	
Bloomfield	5 00	
Sheffield	6 74	
Campbellton	3 36	
Mount Allison Mission Band	36 11	
Mrs. (Rev.) Aquila Lucas, Sussex	10 00	
Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Titusville, Upham	6 00	
Mrs. (Rev.) Ralph Brecken	25 00	
A Friend	3 00	
Herbert Woods' Mite Box	2 32	
Balance from last year	5 78	
Collection at Branch meeting	18 61	
	<u>\$1,660 71</u>	
Less expenses	54 87	
		<u>\$1,605 84</u>
Amount remitted		\$1,605 84
Newfoundland, St. John's East	\$198 57	
Newfoundland, St. John's West	162 22	
Winnipeg	59 50	
Victoria, B.C.	16 75	
Qu'Appelle District	2 50	
Donations	23 00	
Donations from Mission Rooms	250 00	
Collections at Annual Meeting	2 90	
Interest earned in Bank	240 93	
Miss Preston's allowance returned	70 65	
		<u>\$1,027 02</u>
		<u>\$30,020 50</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Japan	\$6,652 18
French Mission	1,200 00
Crosby Home	1,550 00
McDougall Orphanage	1,000 00
Chinese Mission, British Columbia	1,115 00
Chilliwhack	400 00
Indian (Mr. Huntington)	100 00
Delegates' expenses to Annual Meeting	359 75
" " Executive Meeting	46 00
Mite Boxes	19 40
Printing Programmes and Letters	50 87
" Tracts	31 35
" Reports	272 05
Postage and Bank Exchange	53 01
Balance, being Cash deposited in the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society Bank	17,170 89
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1881-1882	\$2,916 78
1882-1883	4,281 19
1883-1884	6,421 15
1884-1885	7,452 92
1885-1886	11,639 91
1886-1887	14,197 51
1887-1888	19,070 38
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MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Entered upon the work.	NAME.	ADDRESS	Former residence.
JAPAN.			
Dec. 27, '82..	Miss Martha J Cartmell	Returned on account of ill health	Hamilton, Ont.
Feb. 26, '85..	Mrs Eliza Spencer Large	Jo Gakko, 14 Torii Zaka, Azabu, Tokyo, Japan	Paris, Ont. Toronto, Ont.
Apr. 15, '85..	Miss Maud Cochran...	" " "	
Sept. 24, '86..	Miss S. Aggie Wintemute	" " "	St. Thomas, Ont. Woodstock, Ont.
May 31, '87..	Miss Hannah Lund....	" " "	
Sept. 15, '87..	" Janie Cunningham	Jo Gakko, Shidzuoka, Japan.....	Halifax, N.S. Brantford, Ont.
Jan. 23, '88..	" Kate Morgan	" " "	
May 16, '88..	" Gussie Preston ..	Jo Gakko, 14 Torii Zaka, Azabu, Tokyo, Japan	Mt. Pleasant, Ont. Peterboro', Ont.
Sept. 15, '88..	" Jessie K. Munro..	" " "	
PORT SIMPSON, B.C.			
Sept., '85. . .	Miss Agnes Knight...	Port Simpson, B.C.	Halifax, N.S. Berwick, N.S. . .
March 3, '88..	" Sarah L. Hart....	" "	
FRENCH WORK.			
	Mrs. Roy	Actonvale, Que	
CHINESE HOME.			
Dec. 22, '87..	Miss Annie Leake ...	Victoria, B.C.	Parrsboro', N.S.

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REPORT OF LEAFLET FUND.

From Oct., 1887, to Oct., 1888.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash from Auxiliaries	\$68 35
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EXPENDITURE.

By Printing, Postage, Express charges, etc.	\$55 97
Balance Cash on hand	12 38
	\$68 35

DISTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR.

Leaflets—about 30,000—of which about 4,500 were on "Our Work;" Tracts on "Christian Giving," 1,550; Programmes, "Our Indian Missions," 250; Mite Boxes, about 1,500.

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

This Committee, consisting of five members, viz.: Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Willmott, Mrs. R. T. Walker, Mrs. Dr. Bull and Mrs. Dr. Briggs, commenced their work at the end of October 1887, by inviting correspondence from missions needing help, and from Auxiliaries or Mission Bands having goods to bestow.

When we met to consider how we should set about our work, we were startled at the magnitude of it, as we could not possibly undertake to help every needy mission without any funds, or provision made for any, and no goods on hand. Our work was from the outset one of faith, and many a time during the year have we been led to see that our Lord was watching over us, and leading to results which we never anticipated. Our own faith has been strengthened, and in our endeavors to bless and help others, we, ourselves, have been greatly blessed, and now at the close of the year we unitedly feel that this Supply Committee may be an important factor in bringing into favor our Woman's Missionary Society. Could we hear the grateful prayers that have been offered up for us by the poor needy Indians, and read the letters of appeal from our missionaries for these perishing children, some of whom were unable to do their necessary labor owing to being insufficiently clad, and of others travelling a hundred miles on foot through ice and snow in order to get some clothing sent, surely we would redouble our efforts, and every Auxiliary and Mission Band would send out a goodly sized case of clothing to gladden and cheer the hearts of these poor Indians.

A most pathetic appeal from Labrador was the first to reach us; the letter was sent to Halifax, it being the nearest point. The ladies there most nobly responded, and the result was that for ten days parcels of clothing came in from all quarters, so that six large cases and three bags of clothing were sent as soon as possible, and between \$25 and \$30 was sent in to defray expenses.

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Parry Island, Henvey's Inlet, Shawanga and Ke-che-ne-yah-sing each received a case of clothing; one from Mrs. T. Thompson, Carlton Street Church, the others from Port Hope, Brockville and Picton. The St. Clair Mission, near Sarnia, received a case from Toronto, and one from the Queen's Avenue Auxiliary, London.

The McDougall Orphanage received a large case from Toronto, including parcels from Galt, Lindsay, Belleville and Bloomington, also cases from Schomberg, Lindsay and Picton. The Bridge Street (Belleville) ladies sent \$17 to help to pay expenses. The Mission Gleaners and Young Ladies' Circle in connection with Queen's Avenue, London, sent a quantity of articles for Christmas to the Orphanage.

Cape Croker received a large box and barrel full of nearly new clothing, collected by Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, Hamilton.

The Crosby Home received a box from Berwick Auxiliary, Halifax, a case from Spencerville, Ontario, and one from Stratford; an autograph quilt from Kingston, N.S., and a cotton one from Streetsville Mission Band.

Mr. T. Milburn, Toronto, sent a box full of valuable medicines, combs, soaps, etc., which were equally divided between the Crosby Home and the Home at Chilliwhack, B.C.

The Indians on the Saugeen Reserve received cases from Merlin, Stratford, Wallaceburg, Mitchell and Perth, also scrap-books from Bowmanville.

The Home at Chilliwhack, B.C., received cases from St. Catharines, Thorold, Burlington, Kingston and Toronto, contributions for the latter coming from the Spadina Avenue and Central Auxiliaries, \$25 from the Young Ladies' Aid Society of the Central Methodist Church Sunday School, and a quilt from Streetsville Mission Band.

The Chinese Home in Victoria, B.C., received cases from Halifax, Milton, Montreal, Kingston and Waterford; and there is a balance on hand of \$23.40 for the Home.

The appeal from Mr. McLean for the Blood Indians, has met with a hearty response. W. C. Gibson & Son, Ottawa, offered biscuits and clothing; Toronto, Orono, Oakville, Cobourg, Mohawk, Newdale, Manitoba, Fullarton, Orillia, Kingston and the Ottawa Mission Band have either sent, or are preparing to send, bales to the Blood Reserve.

Halifax South, Berwick, Canning, Yarmouth South and Dartmouth Auxiliaries all contributed to provide an outfit for Miss Hart, who went to Port Simpson.

The total number of cases promised and sent is forty-six, the weight of which would be over 6,000 pounds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BRIGGS,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE JAPAN WORK.

THE TOKYO SCHOOL.

TOYO EIWA, JO GAKKO, *Sept. 4th, 1888.*

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—My annual letter has always been written in the mountains, and at my leisure, but this year there has never seemed to be a convenient time for me, and now there are but three days in which to write, and these must be occupied in getting settled in our new house, which is nearly completed, so if my letter is shorter than usual, you will understand the reason. My accounts were finished last week, they are even more satisfactory than last year, and there are some reasons why we might have expected our receipts to be no more, indeed, even less, but the Lord has been on our side, and proven that He is more than all who can be against us. You will see by the tuition fees that the school has been full all the year, and we have every prospect of being quite as full this year, for already 212 are enrolled, and there are many of our old students who have sent us no word, because they know we expect them without notice; every day brings new applications for entrance, there have been six to-day. We look forward to a year of success and happiness in this work for the Master.

You will see in looking over the accounts that the Japanese receipts are more than six hundred yen beyond all expenditure, except for foreign teachers' salaries, evangelistic work, Shidzuoka school, and the support of six girls. This is not because our expenditure has been lower, for some of our items are heavy. Repairs includes the putting of six additional windows in the mansard roof, we have paid our own insurance, added a sewing-machine to our furniture—this latter I have found very useful during this vacation, when a fresh supply of table-cloths were required for the students' dining-room. The stationery and postage item creeps up, showing the increase in the correspondence; the jinriksha item is all my own, but includes the expense of my trip to Shidzuoka in the spring. Fuel and printing are also in advance of last year, but, notwithstanding, you see our balance is in advance too.

While our financial report is encouraging, the spiritual side is also; we have now about one hundred and twenty Christians among our students, very many of whom are earnest Christian workers. We have all been cheered during the year by many proofs of their desire to work in the vineyard, and during the vacation the letters received from our girls, telling of their work in their homes, have brought joy and gladness to our hearts; they have told us of how they have talked with parents and friends, often with fear and trembling, and in the face of much opposition, but how, trusting in God to bless their efforts, they have gone on, some receiving proof that the words of truth were sinking into the hearts of those they were striving to teach. Our educational work is a grand one, and I am sure, will be one of the chief means in God's hands of spreading light and life in heathen lands. Our religious services are the same as last year; we are looking forward to the time when our Azabu Church shall be ready for occupation, and we can take our students there to service on Sunday. During this vacation the morning service has been very well attended, showing that the girls do not come during term time simply because they cannot help themselves.

We have made some changes in our school staff during the year. On the advice of the senior Japanese ministers, we have done away with a Japanese business-manager, and I have taken this work myself, assisted by the matron. I find this change has worked well in every way, there is now no one who, by right of office, dare use authority as a Japanese Kanji does.

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According to the regulations, as they may be after this year, we held our Annual Council Meeting on Monday, September 3rd, all being present. Miss Wintemute was appointed Recording Secretary. After the accounts for the year had been passed, there was some discussion as to whether we were at liberty to spend our balance on hand (school receipts) as we choose without consulting the Executive, this is a matter for you ladies to decide.

The estimates I send you inclosed with this. We have asked for a raise in Miss Maud's salary, all were of opinion it should be so. The agreement from the trustees of the Shidzuoka School having arrived duly signed, Miss Morgan was appointed to be Miss Cunningham's associate for current year; Miss Lund was re-appointed to the charge of the evangelistic work; Misses Wintemute, Preston and Munro and Mrs. Large to the Tokyo school. The question then came up as to the advisability of asking for a dress-maker to be appointed to our school, and it was decided that, with the promise of half a lady's expenses advanced from a Japanese friend, the school would pay the remaining half out of surplus funds, if given the power to use these funds, if the ladies would pay her salary until such time as her business here would repay the travelling expenses and leave enough for salary.

Misses Wintemute, Cunningham and Lund were appointed to make any changes thought necessary in the English course; Misses Wintemute, M. Cochran and Preston were appointed to prepare a musical course for our schools. There was some discussion relating to supported girls, and how many times we should bear with them before dismissing them from the school. Some of them seem to have gotten the idea that they are fixed here, no matter how little or much they may try.

I have given you such items from the proceedings of our meeting as I thought would be necessary for you to know; if, after we have received our working orders, you require the minutes in full, please send word to that effect. Now, what about our appointments, are we all to be appointed to our work year by year by the Council here? We think it would be better. Now, for instance, I was appointed from home to take charge of this school, can the Council remove me if they think best? Again, what proportion of votes shall be necessary to carry any possible motion?

We desire to thank the ladies who have so liberally responded to our appeal for funds to improve our buildings, also for the appointment of another lady to join our band.

It is with thankfulness we hear of the even slight improvement in Miss Cartmell's health. We pray that it may be the Master's will to completely restore her to health, and that she may be given the joy of many years' work for the Master. Your missionaries here have been cared for; to each health and strength has been given. The shadow of death has not come near either teachers or our students, for these things we give thanks; and, as a Band, desire to express our deep sympathy with our sisters at home, over whose homes the death angel has lingered.

Another Annual Meeting is here; may it bring nought but joy as you review the work of the year. While we cannot be bodily present, we will be in mind, and hope afterward to enjoy some of the pleasure we pray for each. Pray for us collectively and individually; work in a heathen land depresses; there is nothing to build us up spiritually; we realize how even the cares of mission work may be used by our enemy to lead us astray.

A sister, writing from the Indian work lately—the letter was in the *Outlook*—told her experiences, and ended by saying she thought the Indian work especially trying, spiritually, to the missionaries; that she thought it must be harder than other mission fields. Her experience is exactly our own, and we are led to think that all alike have their trials, but we count life here no sacrifice. We have no complaints to make,—we know that as we live aright, just so will strength and grace be given.

I am conscious that this letter is not what an annual letter should be, but it has been written amid many interruptions. My pen has had to be laid aside many times to see to some piece of work, give a carpenter orders, or look to the moving of furniture, which has commenced to-day. I find I have neglected to say Miss Wintemute was re-appointed to look after the English department in our school here.

With kindest love from all here, and greetings.

Yours in the Master's service,

ELIZA SPENCER LARGE,

Foreign Sec.-Treas.

THE SHIDZUOKA SCHOOL.

TOKYO, September 6th, 1888.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—Of the (\$180) one hundred and eighty dollars appropriated for the salary of interpreter and teacher, it has been necessary to expend less than one-third during the past year. The school opened in December. For more than a month I had to manage as well as I could without an interpreter. I had some assistance from a young man to whom I paid three yen. In January, the people were able to secure the services of a lady to teach translation, paying her twelve yen per month. I paid her six yen to act also as my teacher and interpreter. Having a family, she could not live in the school, which was very inconvenient. As the number of pupils increases, it will be absolutely necessary to have an interpreter living in the house. A higher salary must be offered. The need for teachers, who are English scholars, is so great, that it is very hard indeed to induce one to come to the country.

Things look very bright now in Shidzuoka, and I do, indeed, feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for all the way in which He has led me during the past year. The school opened December 4th, 1887, with twenty-three pupils. When we closed for the Christmas holidays, there were twenty-eight. When school closed July 10th, I had fifty-one names on the school register, sixteen of whom were boarders, and had an average attendance for two or three months of forty-five.

The Sunday services were well attended. We had Sunday-school from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Then the pupils and teachers came with me to church, a twenty minutes' walk. Unless a new church is built soon, all our services in future must be held in the school. I like to have the pupils attend church once a day, but the building was overcrowded before school closed. The people are talking of building a church which will accommodate one thousand persons. I do hope that they will put it up as rapidly as they have the new school.

The other Sunday services were: A Bible-class from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., which was well attended, sometimes as many as forty-five being present. After the Bible-class, we sometimes had half an hour of singing. From 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. we had a meeting for prayer and conversation on religious subjects. I think there never was a time when I longed more to be able to talk than during this hour and half; of all the services I think I enjoyed this best. The girls talked quite freely at this one. One day the rain poured in torrents. Six were present at the evening meeting besides the boarders, two having walked a long distance for a third time that day. The subject chosen for that evening was: "What think ye of Christ." We had a grand time. It seemed as if Christ was really with us.

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what they had been reading. I was asked, "why Jesus chose Judas as one of His disciples, when He was God, and knew everything, and so knew Judas' heart, and that he would afterwards betray Him," also, "why He permitted Judas to have charge of the money-bag, when, because He was God, He must have known he was a thief." One of the girls asked one night if God would hear them if they knelt upon their beds while praying to Him. She thought it very impolite to do so, and that they should always kneel upon the floor.

In the spring Mr. Kobayashi thought it would be well to start a weekly class-meeting. Our first meeting was held May 16th. Including Mrs. Inoi and myself, there were twenty-four present, not more than six of whom were Christians. At the close of the Bible-lesson in the morning, Mr. Kobayashi told the pupils about the class-meeting, and invited all interested in Christianity to attend. Mrs. Inoi is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and did not know what a class-meeting meant. We opened by singing two Japanese hymns, then Mrs. Inoi prayed in Japanese, after which I explained, in a few words, what a class-meeting was. I then asked Mrs. Inoi to tell the girls what she thought of Christianity, and how she was led to become a Christian, which she did, talking to them for nearly half an hour. She told me afterwards that she told them that when she, as a child, had gone to a mission school, and had heard prayer and worship offered to a God that she could not see, she thought it a very funny thing, and could not understand it at all. She said that they, like herself, had been accustomed to praying to a god that they could see, and that she had no doubt that praying to an unseen God must seem very strange to many of them. She reminded them that when they were in trouble or sickness, their first impulse was to pray to some superior being who could help them. She spoke to them of the only true God, the God of the Christians, who could hear and answer prayer, and she told them that she would like them to feel quite free at these meetings, to ask any questions, or to tell her of any of their difficulties, that she would answer what she could, and where she failed I would help them. We closed with singing and prayer, after which we sang some English hymns. The next week there were thirty-three present, and until school closed the interest in the weekly meeting did not seem to lessen.

Two of the day-pupils were baptized in the spring, one of whom had previously attended our Azabu school in Tokyo, and had been converted while there. Among the boarders two are Christians, also five or six of the daily students. All appear much interested in Christianity. I think Miss Saito, one of the Japanese teachers, is not far from the Kingdom. Her most intimate friend, who teaches in the Normal School, I think will not be long either before she accepts Christ as her personal Saviour. The matron is a great comfort to me. She is a real Christian, and I have found her faithful in all things. The girls are very much attached to her, she is so good and kind to them, and yet she is very firm. In the Japanese department there are now four teachers, besides Mrs. Takase, who teaches translation. Three of the teachers study English. The people pay very fair salaries.

For two or three months I went twice a week to the Normal School to talk to the young lady students. The addresses were not purely religious; I told them of many of our customs, our home life, and of the work Christian women were doing in the west. We feel so thankful that the teachers and pupils of this school, which I consider almost the most important in the province, are not using their influence against Christianity. How rapidly the work might spread if those girls could only be won for Christ, and go out through the country to work for Him. I think I am beginning to realize more and more what an influence for good or evil a teacher may have. The Japanese ladies have formed a society for self-improvement. At the first meeting there were eighty-two present. A committee of eight ladies has been formed. Of these three are Christians, the other five study English with me. There is one judge, who would like his wife to attend, if Christians were not allowed to go. Among

the ladies comprising the committee are the Governor's daughter, the wife of the Superintendent of Education for the Province, Mrs. Dr. Inoi, and Mrs. Kobayashi, who is a sister of Mr. Hiraiwa. I send you a plan of the new school. I think we shall try to have some kind of camp-beds, and have no matting on the floors of the bed-rooms. If this be done, a smaller number of girls must occupy each room, as there being no matting to sit upon, each girl must be provided with a chair and small table.

Mr. Kobayashi writes that the new school will not be ready for the opening, so Miss Morgan, who has been appointed by our Council to be my associate in Shidzuoka, will not return with me now, but will come when the new building is ready. It is well that she can remain here, for I do not see how she could be spared till Miss Munro comes. The new building here is fine. We are all satisfied and delighted with the whole school. It is wonderful that Mrs. Large has been able to stand the heat of Tokyo, and the incessant hammering for eight weeks, and keep so well.

Miss Lund has told you about the closing of the Shidzuoka school, so I need not say much about it. The gentlemen connected with the school did all in their power to make it a success, and the girls did better than I expected. When it was proposed that it should take place in such a large room, I was afraid that the girls would be very nervous, but they did their best, and I was satisfied. There were about three hundred of the principal gentlemen of the city present. The Governor and two or three others delivered short addresses.

I send you, by this mail, a photograph of myself, matron, two teachers and the sixteen boarders. There is every prospect that the number of pupils will be greatly increased when the new building is completed. Before the holidays I had to refuse nine, who lived at a distance, and who wished to enter the school as boarders. Besides, several have been boarding in the town till the new building should be ready.

The remembrance of the strength and wisdom given in the many times of real need during the past year, helps me wonderfully as I look forward to the future. It is such a comfort to know that I have for my Guide and Helper One who cannot err.

Yours sincerely,

J. CUNNINGHAM.

REPORT ON EVANGELISTIC WORK—JAPAN.

When at Kofu last spring, the pastor was very anxious that Mrs. Hiyama, one of our Bible-women, should be sent out there for a few weeks.

Subsequently I heard that she had accomplished a great work while there. I do not feel surprised, for she went in such a beautiful spirit. She said, in reporting, "I could not speak wisely, so every day before I went out I prayed that God would teach me." The results prove the words, "And they shall be all taught of God."

I think I mentioned that Mr. Idzuka's sister was coming in as a supported student. While at Kofu, Mr. Yamanaka told me about a young woman named Shemada, whose mother had been an invalid for six years. Since then the mother has died, and as the daughter still wishes to work as a Bible-woman, she has been engaged as my general helper. I am glad to have secured a Bible-woman who, having neither ties nor home, is free to go wherever I need her. Her mornings will be occupied in Japanese study, her long charge of her mother

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Mrs Toyama came over from Shitaya, early on the Monday morning, and told me that the meetings there had been kept up all summer, though sometimes the attendance was small. She has been tried all summer and, after another month, if best, will be engaged as a regular Bible-woman. She seems to have a lovely spirit, and if she improves as she has done since I first knew her, will, I feel confident, soon make a successful Bible-woman. It seems to me peculiarly fitting that the pastor's wife should do what she can in her husband's charge. This she is enabled to do by the allowance granted her, as she can by it secure much-needed help.

Mrs. Sabashi does what she can, and held meetings all summer, but she says the old trouble still hinders her. That is, the women can get fancy work from others without being obliged to listen to Christianity also, and so many will not come. May God send such an awakening to our Azabu people as they have never before known.

Mrs. Hiyama has not yet returned from visiting her son, but Mr. Tsuchiya is filling her place as far as possible. God seems to delight in using her as an instrument for good. She always gives me renewed courage, her own is so fresh. I always think of the Psalmist's expression: "New every morning and renewed every evening," whenever I look at her happy face. Mrs. Suzuki is, if possible, even more beautiful. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit must certainly have been given them.

I think the quiet, simple faith of many of these people, so lately brought out of darkness, is a marvel. One woman, a Mrs. Hemi, who is dying of consumption, said to me when I asked her how she was; "I cough a great deal and suffer always, but I am never lonely, for Jesus is with me." She may have entered ere this, as I have not heard of her since before the vacation.

I am longing for next week, to get back to my work, for before then my interpreter will not have returned.

This morning while at prayer, and afterwards at my work of helping to move, and all day in fact, I have felt such a wonderful realization of God's presence. I was praying for a special blessing as I renewed my work, and that God would surely go with me to help, and even while at prayer such a blessing came to me. All day I have seemed to feel a veritable presence, and it gives me such a perfect peace. Pray that God may help me to be strong, of a good courage and faithful, for I feel I must do all I can. I shall do as you say, and not in my zeal neglect my health, as I want to labor long as well as faithfully.

Yours, in the Master's service,

HANNAH LUND.

TOYO EIWA JO GAKKO ANNUAL REPORT.

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Sept., 1887-88—To cash on hand	679	71
" Medicines	18	42
" Books	408	75
" for board	3,628	24
" Sundries	43	73
" Rebate on insurance	17	56
" Library Fund	54	64
" Count Ito and Mrs. Taneda	30	00
" Bloor Street Sunday-school	67	48
" Charitable objects	32	50
" Centenary Sunday-school, Hamilton, per Miss Cartmell, for organs	201	27
" Interest	7	60
" Musical Tuition	478	50
" Tuition	2,249	04
" Entrance	96	00
" Drafts on New York	6,050	32
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Sept., 1887-88 —By cash on foreign teachers' salary, etc	3,011	32
" " " registration	30	00
" Evangelistic	455	00
" Shidzuoka school	377	15
" Money for charity purposes (a friend)	32	30
" Light	88	04
" Fuel	207	50
" Taxes	45	13
" Furnishings	185	60
" Medicines	26	85
" Repairs	512	25
" Advertising and printing	55	05
" Books	475	82
" to school books	3,218	74
" Teachers and servants	1,735	76
" Stationery and postage	29	69
" Jinriksha and travelling expenses	37	31
" Sundries	112	96
" Fusajiro on account, \$1,500	2,040	00
" Insurance	96	00
" Christmas closing	27	34
" Supported girls' summer expenses, 1887....	25	03
" for two organs	265	00
Balance	983	72
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School Receipts	7,457	35		
" Expenditure			6,813	85
" Funds—Balance			643	50
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REPORT ON FRENCH MISSIONS.

In presenting a brief *resumé* of the French Work, which naturally seems to find its focus in the city of Montreal, with its overwhelming French population, we have great pleasure in reporting that the Woman's Missionary Society is holding its own in this department of its work. We feel the more grateful for this by reason of the fact that the retrospect and outlook of the French Branch of our mission has not, in years past, been notable for its cheering accounts. The vacillating character of the French nation, combined with the degrading and stultifying effects of their national religion—Roman Catholicism—ever confronts those who endeavor to win them to a more enlightened Christianity, and even when access is gained to their homes, it is the work of years, not of months, to watch them during the various transition stages from Roman Catholicism to Protestantism. During the past twelve months, the school at Actonvale kept up its well-established character for orderly management and educational advantages. There were twenty-four scholars in regular attendance. Two of this number passed the final examinations with a high degree of merit, and are really fairly equipped, intellectually, for their future years. Several who were somewhat advanced in years, yet deficient in knowledge, acquired the elementary branches, but, on account of their age, will not continue in attendance.

The Committee of Management consider themselves fortunate in retaining the services of Mrs. Roy as teacher, and Mde. Levasser as matron in the school.

The social status of the children is varied, some representing the poorer element, and others a more well-to-do class. All are able to contribute to their own support in the institution in greater or less degree—two dollars per month being the least sum accepted by the Board of Governors.

Another school was started during the year in the western suburb of the city. The number in attendance varied considerably, owing to the great poverty of the children. Lack of food and clothing frequently prevented their being present.

The payment of such amount as their circumstances admitted was made obligatory, in order to avoid the danger of pauperizing the scholars. This school was re-opened this autumn with fifteen scholars present, and the promise of fifteen more. It may occur to the minds of some to ask why these schools are necessary? For the simple reason that the children who attend in this city would be totally unable to pay the fees of the ordinary public schools, low though they be, while throughout the country the number of Protestants are so scattered, no sufficient number being found within three miles (which is the school limit) to form a Trustee Board, levy their taxes (thus avoiding the Roman Catholic taxation), and erect a school that would be eligible for the Protestant children. Hence, they are reduced to the painful alternative, either the insidious influence of the Roman Catholic schools, or the gross ignorance resulting from no tuition. Now, to supply this need the Actonvale school was opened, where such children, removed from all malign surroundings, have been trained physically, morally, intellectually and spiritually.

We are looking forward with great interest to the opening of the new French Institute in Côte St. Antoine, which, we hope, will increase the avenues of carrying light into the utter darkness of French Roman Catholicism.

Varied are the fields of the Woman's Missionary Society. Great faith, zeal and patience are needed in each, but, perhaps, in no one so much as among our French Catholics, where no Pentecostal ingatherings are so much as heard of, but where the fruit is gathered one by one. And to any one who thinks the

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MONTREAL, Sept. 21st.

ALICE DOUGLAS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FRENCH WORK.

RECEIPTS.

1887.	
Sept. 28th—By balance on hand	\$524 86
Annual grant	1,200 00
School fees, Actonvale	320 50
Use of books	20 00
School fees, Montreal	3 15
Interest	6 03
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EXPENDITURE.

Sept., 1888.—To fuel and light	\$115 19
Wages, matron and cook	145 00
Students' board	552 66
Furniture	128 82
Madame Roy, salary	225 00
Books, stationery, etc.	44 44
Incidentals, repairs of building, etc.	154 26
Expenses, school, Montreal	192 75
Balance	516 42
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REPORT OF CROSBY GIRLS' HOME.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., Sept. 20th, 1888.

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed away, and that the time has come for the yearly report of our Home. The busy days pass so rapidly that the year is gone before we fully realize it, and so little seems to be accomplished, that one wonders how it is that every minute has been so filled with work, and yet so little to show for it. But we have the comfort of knowing that the Master sees through it all, and the little things of every day done for Him are of great value in His sight. Our year in the Home has been much the same as former ones; trials and discouragements, pleasures and encouragements, about equally balanced. Our number at present is twenty-one, nineteen

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girls and two boys. The largest number we had during the year was twenty-two. Two of the biggest girls left us in May. One, Rebecca Starr, came into the Home two years last spring, with the promise of staying two years. Her mother said she wished her to learn about Jesus, and then go home and teach her friends. When the two years expired, we tried to persuade her father to leave her still with us, but he would not listen, so we had to let her go. I hope she will, indeed, teach her people some of the lessons she learned while with us. The other, Jessie David, was a little Flat-head girl, who had been left in the Home by Mrs. Tate, who had cared for the child since she was quite young. When the Home at Chilliwhack was started, Mr. Tate sent for Jessie, as her father wished to have her near him, lest she should quite forget her own people and language. Ellen Wesley, aged eleven years, came to us last March. She is the only girl in a large family of boys, and the father wishes her to learn many useful things which she could not in her own home, so he brought her to us with the promise of leaving her till she reaches womanhood. She is a quiet, obedient girl, willing to be taught and no trouble to us at all. Olive Dilly is a child of nine years, whom Mr. Crosby found in Vancouver; she was under very evil influences, and, had she been left a few years longer, would probably have become hardened in sin and beyond all hope of saving; but we have her with her father's willing consent, and I trust she will soon forget much of the evil she learned in her former home. She is a bright, rather attractive child, quiet and quick to learn, is making fair progress at school. The other new comer is a little boy not yet four years old, he is a brother of little Dollie, our baby. The father brought him to us in March, and seemed glad to have the child where he would learn something good and be well taken care of. He has been rather spoilt, as most young children are among these people, but is a nice, bright little boy, and gets a great deal of petting from the elder ones. It is always a comfort to me to know that the little ones are kindly treated when I happen to be out of the way, they never think of ill-treating the younger ones; usually I have to watch that they do not spoil them by letting them have all their own way. It is great cause for thankfulness that we have had no sickness among us, nothing more serious than a slight cold or passing indisposition; the children all look very well and are happy and contented. I feel hopeful over some of the girls who have professed to give their hearts to Jesus, for I can see they are trying to do right and live as He would have them. Last winter I was much grieved by a spirit of deceit and dishonesty in little things. It had been going on for some time before we found it out, but it was then sifted thoroughly, and we tried in every way to make them see the sin in its true light. It is very hard to make them feel as we do about it, as deceit seems part of the nature of an Indian, and they are so weak that often they seem utterly unable to resist temptation. But we hope by line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, to instil into them principles that will by-and-by take deep root and make them honest, earnest Christian women.

During my unavoidable absence everything went on smoothly. Miss Hart managed admirably, and kept house and children in excellent order. She has quite won the respect of the girls, and has no difficulty in controlling them. I cannot tell what a comfort it is to have a helper who is so well fitted for the work. During the year I have received many kind letters from those who are interested in our work which have cheered me greatly. And some have sent us substantial proofs of their interest, in the shape of boxes and parcels of useful articles. We need your earnest prayers that God may continue His blessing, and give us the joy of seeing these children saved. With kind regards and sincere gratitude to those who have so generously helped us in the past,

I remain, yours sincerely,

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LIST OF PUPILS, CROSBY GIRLS' HOME.

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Victoria Louise Picton.....	18	2	8
Hannah Webster.....	17	8	0
Sarah Williams.....	16	5	0
Jane McKay.....	15	1	1
Betsey Webster.....	13	4	0
Eliza Lawrence.....	13	2	2
Priscilla Harris.....	13	2	2
Lucy Baxter.....	12	2	5
Angelina Harris.....	11	1	11
Erie Simcoe.....	11	6	0
Sarah McDonald.....	11	6	0
Mary Johnson.....	11	6	0
Ellen Wesley.....	11	0	6
Harriet Edgar.....	2	0	3
Tillie Bernard.....	9	2	2
Matilda McKay.....	8	2	8
Olive Dilly.....	9	0	4
Martha Harris.....	7	2	2
Dollie Robinson.....	2	1	8
George Blackhall.....	8	4	0
John S-ay-ya.....	3	0	6
* Rebecca Starr.....	..	..	..
* Jessie David.....	..	..	..

* Left the Home in May last.

CROSBY GIRLS' HOME FINANCIAL REPORT.

September, 1887, to September, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand September 22nd, 1887.....	\$76 71
January 14th, Woman's Missionary Society, per Mrs. Rosebrugh.....	350 00
March 3rd, Woman's Missionary Society, " " ".....	350 00
March 3rd, from Mission Rooms.....	114 22
August, Woman's Missionary Society, per Mrs. Rosebrugh.....	350 00
From other sources.....	149 95
October, Woman's Missionary Society, per Mrs. Rosebrugh.....	350 00
Total.....	\$1,740 88

EXPENDITURE.

Miss Knight's salary.....	\$450 00
Miss Hart's salary, 7 months.....	204 00
Household expenses.....	925 54
Total.....	\$1,579 54
Balance.....	161 34
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REPORT OF McDOUGALL ORPHANAGE.

MORLEY, Sept. 21st, 1888.

Our Home and Training Institution is now five years old, and some of the pupils have gone out, having served their term. Others are continuing, these having been quite young when we took them in. Our arrangements now are that, for pupils over ten years of age the term shall be five years, and for those under ten, eight years.

We are beginning to overcome the feelings of both friends and children as to being separated for these years, even this we look upon as an advance. We are encouraged to know that our work is gaining the confidence of the natives, and as we slowly overcome the prejudice and suspicion of ignorance, our work will be easier.

Mr. Youmans has sent you a very full report of the year's work, and it is but in place for me to ask you to convey to your Society our heartfelt thanks for the appropriation of the current year, and trust that our Home will continue to have the confidence and support of the same in the future. We are certain that no institution of the kind has been carried on as economically as ours, though sometimes this has borne hard on those directly engaged in the work.

The accompanying sheet will show our state of income and expenditure for last year, ending September 1st, 1888.

JOHN McDOUGALL.

INCOME FOR 1887-88.

From Woman's Missionary Society	\$1,000 00
Miss Barrett's bequest	200 00
Indian Department, Government	700 00
Private subscriptions	77 95
Total income	\$1,977 95

EXPENDITURE FOR 1887-88.

Expenditure, including salaries and maintenance	\$1,698 04
Balance	\$279 91

MILLWARD P.O., Sept. 17th, 1888.

We have had a year's experience as an independent household. While the Orphanage was in the old parsonage at Morley, where the Rev. John McDougall could see us all every day, and the children were attending the Mission School, we were still in our minority. But a year ago last June we launched out into full maturity by moving three miles east to the Orphanage Farm, and beginning housekeeping and ranching in real earnest. Since then we have had to attend to all the wants of our large family, and keep them well up in their studies as well.

Among the many things that occupied our attention, I might mention that we have built a well-house, a large porch on the north side, and a school-room west of it, and begun a blacksmith shop. We have also put up a lot of fencing, all of which has been useful training for the boys. This summer we put in two and a half acres of garden, two acres of turnips, one and a half acres of barley, and sixteen acres of oats for green fodder, which has yielded us seventy loads of fodder for winter use. We have also milked eleven cows, and sold 250 lbs. of butter at twenty cents per pound, after using all the milk and butter we needed

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in the house. With the proceeds of our butter we have been able to furnish the house with groceries.

The girls have been learning to milk and make butter which, we hope, will be a valuable accomplishment, for the Indians have cattle, but are ignorant in dairying matters.

We had, a few days ago, twenty-two pupils, viz., nine boys and thirteen girls. - We lost four by desertion last winter and fall, viz., Joseph House, Jonas Benjamin, Silas Abraham, and Agnes Jacob. The restraint of civilized life grew irksome to them, and the attraction of a wild, free, half savage camp-life proved too strong for them. But we hope they will not altogether forget the instruction they received here.

One boy, Simon Chian, died in January of consumption, brought on, we thought, by the measles in the fall of 1886. Previous to that sickness he was the life and pride of the "Home." During his sickness last winter, he showed a very pleasant and uncomplaining spirit. He was the best sick child we ever nursed. He had given his heart to the Lord sometime before his last illness. He used to say, "I am on the Lord's side." We rejoice in hope of meeting him again "Around the throne of God in heaven." He has only gone before, and is, no doubt, one of the jewels in our Saviour's crown.

We have nine recruits, viz., three small boys, T. Hunter Wesley, Jonas Jonas, who needs a middle name, and Henry Myers, aged nine, six and seven; and six girls, Sarah Wesley, Flora Runner, Sanie Fox, Ella Campbell, Sadie Ear, and Louise Kakwitts, whose ages are, ten, nine, seven, twelve, seven, nine, seven years respectively. They are a very promising lot of children, and are picking up English very rapidly, for though they have been with us only a few months, they understand all we say to them in their work and lessons, and can express their wants in pretty fair English, that is, all except Louise, who came only a few days ago.

During the past year we have received a pretty fair supply of clothing for the children, and of a much better quality than heretofore; for which much credit is due to the Supply Committee, as they have not sent us any useless articles or shabby clothing.

Before the Supply Committee took the matter in hand, some people seemed to think that any old worn-out garment was good enough to send, so that some used to arrive that were not worth the trouble and expense of cleaning them up, but now, things have changed for the better.

Prominent among the many gifts worthy of mention was that from the Supply Committee of nine full winter suits for the boys, which have done excellent service. It would take too much space to enumerate all the different articles received, which consisted of bedding, clothing, dishes, and a few tools.

We fill the mornings with work, and hold a school session during the afternoon; in the long winter evenings we have also an evening session.

Mr. McCrae, Government Inspector of Protestant Indian Schools, after a thorough inspection of the school work, June 1st, was satisfied that the teaching had been done in a thorough manner.

Their religious instruction has been attended to also; we think that few white children get up the Sunday-school lessons as regularly and as thoroughly every week as do these Indian children. They have recited nearly every verse of the International Sunday-school Lessons during the year.

The whole charge of the household and much of the teaching proved too much for Mrs. Youmans' strength, so a matron's assistant was procured. Miss Saint arrived June 3rd, and there has been work enough to keep them both busy ever since.

We are going on, trusting God will bless our labor, feeling assured that if we faithfully do our part in planting the seed, He will take care of it and bring it to maturity.

JAS. A. YOUMANS,

Principal of McDougall Orphanage.

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REPORT FROM CHILLIWHACK, B.C.

COQUA-LEETZA HOME AND SCHOOL.

Receipts and Expenditure for part of year, commencing March 20th, and ending September 30th, 1888.

Received by grant from Woman's Missionary Society	\$400 00	
" " private donation	50 00	
" " gift from father of one of children.....	20 00	
		\$470 00
* To supplies	\$235 96½	
" hired help	150 00	
		385 96½
Balance		\$84 03½
Less needed supplies up to end of September		35 00
		\$49 03½
Cash in hand		\$49 03½

In all we have sixteen children.

At present we have nine, which is all we can accommodate in our present cramped condition.

CARRIE S. TATE.

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

No.	NAMES.	Ages.	Time since their rescue.	
			Yrs.	Mon.
1	Tsoi Wan	24	1	4
2	Bo Tsai	23	1	0
3	Ah Yuk	23	1	0
4	Chun Fa	22	1	4
5	Ah So.....	24	1	8
6	Sai Kau	19	1	2
7	Ah Lin	14	2	0
8	Loi Ho	13	1	5
9	Sau Kam	10	1	4
10	Ou Yuk	26	0	9

Of the girls just named, two were returned to their friends in China early in the year, expenses being paid by Chinese friends here, who interested themselves in their rescue. One was married in the Home in July; one left the Home and has not yet returned; six remain with us, giving reasonable satisfaction in house-work, sewing, knitting, etc., and in school-work.

* Includes food, furniture, cooking utensils, wood, etc.

Mr. Gardner has given religious instruction to the girls in their own tongue, upon the Sabbath-day, ever since their rescue.

The prayer-meeting, organized early in the spring, has been continued through the summer with much pleasure and profit to the Home. Family worship and moral suasion have helped much in governing during the last six months. Some of the girls, I feel sure, are getting help for self-control through prayer, and others are being benefited by their example. I realize that we have much cause for gratitude. All the inmates of the Home have enjoyed good health.

We have derived much pleasure from the visits of tourists and others, and have received much material kindness from friends, both far and near. We had a box of useful articles from Halifax, N.S., one from Kingston, Ont., and one from Waterford, Ont. Then the \$112.50, reported in the financial statement, represents the interest of many friends from Newfoundland to Victoria.

Rev. J. E. Starr and Mr. Gardner have given much time and attention to matters connected with the Home. You will learn from other sources that Dr. Sutherland has been in Victoria this week, and has purchased a valuable property for the Home. There is house accommodation for about twenty-five or thirty girls, with a school-room and sewing-room when necessary, and ground attached.

The goodness of God has been round about us from the first day until the present.

With many thanks to the kind friends who have helped us in our work.

I remain, yours sincerely,

ANNIE LEAKE.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHINESE GIRLS' HOME,

From Jan. 1st, to Sept. 30th, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

From Woman's Missionary Society	\$1,115 00
" Other sources	112 50
Total for nine months	\$1,227 50

EXPENDITURE.

To House Rent	\$177 00
" Furnishing	163 25
" Fuel	48 00
" Clothing	39 90
" Provisions	141 31
" School	7 40
" Repairs	29 75
" Sundries	41 55
" Matron's Salary	232 50
" Travelling Expenses	116 72
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
FOR 1887-88.

We present our Sixth Annual Report with feelings of gratitude to our heavenly Father, for by His blessing the year has been one of success in our work.

The organizers appointed at our last meeting have been doing good work, and though the way has not been opened up to them as fully as they would wish, yet, as a result of their work, twenty-three Auxiliaries have been formed. Besides Teeterville and Brussels organized at the close of last year, and Hamilton Auxiliary dividing into three, one has been formed at London West, London South; Hannah Street, Hamilton; Mount Pleasant; Welland Avenue, St. Catharines; Grimsby, Waterford, Seaforth; Ontario Street, Clinton; Emerald Street, Hamilton; Selkirk, Jerseyville, Holstein, Norwich, Little Lake, Wingham, Carlingford, Mount Elgin and Woodhouse. Though we have had no reports from the last two this year, we hope to hear from them again.

Mission Bands have been formed at First Methodist Church, Hamilton; Otterville, Jarvis, Eden Mills, Teeterville; Welland Avenue, St. Catharines; Mount Pleasant, Stratford, Maple Grove, Paris; Niagara Falls, Spencerian; and Milton. Word has been received that during the month of September, Auxiliaries have been organized on the Nile and Dungannon Circuits, also at Woodstock, Galt and Paisley, while Brantford Auxiliary has divided into three.

We have a total of 68 Auxiliaries and 21 Mission Bands, with 1,585 annual members, increase, 413; life members, 133; increase, 22; Mission Band members, 402. Total, 2,120. Amount raised, \$5,938.35; increase, \$1,784.49.

Our assembly at Grimsby Park was enjoyed by those who attended. The papers on subjects that touch us closely in our work were well handled, and many valuable hints were taken home for future use; while the address of Rev. S. Huntingdon was an inspiration to us, as he spoke of the privations, labors, and abundant success of missionary life. Then, as at our Annual Meeting, we missed our President, Mrs. S. J. Hunter, who, on account of the great loss she has suffered, felt that she could not be with us. We offer her our heartfelt sympathy, and trust that our heavenly Father may comfort and sustain her.

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WESTERN BRANCH—TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sabbath-Schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Bequests.	Other Sources.	Amount Received by Auxiliaries.	Amount Received by Branch Treasurer.
Aylmer	\$17 50		\$12 00		\$8 75			\$0 40				\$38 65	\$36 02
Alma College	60 00											60 00	60 00
Brantford	73 00		15 45	\$24 00		\$4 16		3 80	\$10 00			130 41	126 41
Brussels	16 25			2 38		18 00						36 63	36 10
Burlington	36 00			12 95		13 34		0 90			\$0 75	63 94	60 00
Bookton (Little Lake)	7 65											7 65	7 65
Clinton, Rattenbury St.	62 04			5 10		21 45		2 35	67 60			158 54	158 04
Clinton, Ontario St.	6 25			5 10								9 35	9 35
Charing Cross	26 00				57 19	30 66		1 70	13 00		1 97	130 52	127 00
Chatham	41 00			19 36	35 58	28 24		0 75	11 35			136 28	135 44
Caledonia	19 00											19 00	19 00
Carlvingford	8 00											8 00	8 00
Dundas	43 00	\$25 00				34 12	\$12 12	0 75	26 51			141 50	140 17
Eden Mills	14 98		2 04									16 96	16 96
Fullarton	9 00				11 40			0 20				20 60	20 60
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Guelph, Norfolk St.	25 50				62 91	8 94		0 40	7 00		3 15	107 90	95 75
Gorrie	8 75					3 00		0 25	1 00			13 00	12 80
Grimsby	19 00				8 20	5 03		0 70			4 47	37 40	31 95
Hamilton, Centenary	50 00	25 00	232 00	84 69	65 34	25 51	10 00	1 55	369 14		1 30	864 53	802 63
" Wesley Church	42 00	25 00		7 00	18 80	21 04		1 90	33 00	\$15 00		163 74	161 74
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Norwich	11 00									11 00	11 00		
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Oakville	29 00	50 00	7 29			13 31		0 60	6 15	106 35	106 35		
Owen Sound	25 75				72 00				5 00	102 75	87 25		
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Teeterville	23 55		12 49		15 00			0 80	0 45	52 29	52 29		
The Grove	16 00				8 28	1 95		0 70	9 00	35 93	33 28		
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* The Mission Band made Mrs. Spencer a Life Member.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WESTERN BRANCH—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, Sept. 15th, 1887.	No. of Members, Sept 15th, 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. of Life Members, S-pt. 15th, 1887.	No. of Life Members, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Increase.	Number of Mission Bands, 1887.	Number of Mission Bands, 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Total No. of Members, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Number of Public Meetings.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.	REMARKS.
Centenary	50	50	..	..	28	29	1	..	..	..	..	79	3	7	17	10	
Hamilton	62	..	58	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	1	10	12	11	
Hamilton, Wesley Church	..	41	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	31	2	7	12	9	
Hamilton, 1st Methodist.	..	29	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	50	3	7	15	10	
Hamilton, Gore St. Church	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	10	8	11	
Goderich	21	21	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	27	2	10	9	12	
Paris	27	26	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	44	1	12	12	13	
Simcoe	37	43	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	86	1	12	12	13	
Brantford	51	73	22	..	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	55	2	11	14	13	
St. Thomas, First	43	47	4	..	7	8	1	..	..	..	..	41	1	13	15	14	
Chatham	34	41	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	1	10	..	11	
Strathroy	28	37	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	10	7	11	
Burlington	35	33	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	60	3	10	14	13	
St. Catharines, St. Paul's.	53	50	..	3	9	10	1	..	..	..	..	9	2	11	6	13	
Otterville	10	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	1	10	25	11	
London, Queen's Avenue.	63	60	..	3	10	12	2	..	..	..	..	37	..	9	13	9	
London, Dundas Street	28	32	4	..	3	5	2	..	..	..	..	61	1	11	30	12	
Jarvis	63	61	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	1	12	28	13	
Clinton	45	62	17	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	31	1	11	10	12	
Ingersoll	23	26	3	..	4	5	1	..	..	..	..	50	..	11	14	11	
Mitchell	47	45	..	2	4	5	1	..	..	..	..	24	1	11	8	12	
St. George	18	24	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	1	12	15	13	
Dundas	35	42	7	..	6	7	1	..	..	..	..	23	3	10	12	13	
Thorold	16	20	4	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Membership not reported
Fingal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	12	10	12	
Holmesville	16	15	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	3	12	10	15	
Oakville	35	29	..	6	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	8	..	6	6	6	
Fullarton	10	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Harriston	12	16	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	11	4	11	
The Grove	14	16	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	12	7	12	
Siloam and Zion	19	15	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	4	..	..	4	
St. Mary's	23	31	8	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	34	..	12	9	12	
Stratord	22	12	..	10	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	8	7	9	
Gorrie	12	12	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	8	5	8	
Niagara Falls Spencerian	11	18	7	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	19	4	8	6	12	

Mitchell	18	24	6	6	7	1	24	1	11	8	12
St. George	35	42	7	1	3	2	49	1	12	15	13
Dundas	16	20	4	1	3	2	23	3	10	12	13
Thorold	16	15	1	1	1	2	16	12	10	12	12
Fingal	16	29	1	1	3	2	32	3	12	10	15
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St. Mary's	23	31	8	2	3	1	34	12	9	12	
Stratford	22	12	10	1	1		13	1	8	7	9
Gorrie	12	12		1	1		13	8	5	8	
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	11	18	7		1	1	19	4	8	6	12
Niagara Falls South	21	23	2		1	1	24				
Rockwood	24	16	8		1	1	17	12	12	12	
Milton											
Union											
St. Thomas, Central	29	19	10				19	12	7	12	
Guelph, Norfolk Street	27	27					27	1	8	12	9
Aylmer	15	18	3				18	1	12	13	13
Tilsonburg	11	21	10				21	1	11	8	12
Waterdown	14	18	4				18	3	7	10	10
Charing Cross	17	27	10				27	2	10	11	12
Caledonia	17	19	2				19	12	6	12	
Eden Mills	14	8	6				8	1	7	6	8
Owen Sound	20	23	3				23	2	10	12	12
Teeterville		21	21				21	3	12	10	15
Brussels		16	16				16	1	12	10	13
London South		40	40				40	10	14	10	
London West		14	14				14	3	10	9	13
Hamilton, Hannah Street											
Mt. Pleasant		12	12		1	1	13	3	6	5	9
St. Catharines, Welland Avenue		18	18		1	1	19	1	8	8	9
Grimsby		23	23				23	2	7	15	9
Waterford		17	17				17	8	6	8	
Seaforth		17	17		1	1	18	7	10	7	
Clinton, Ontario Street		15	15				15	1	3	10	4
Hamilton, Emerald Street		9	9				9				
Selkirk											
Jerseyville		15	15				15	1	5	10	6
Holstein											
Norwich		15	15				15				
Little Lake		21	21				21	1	5	10	6
Wingham		12	12				12				
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF WESTERN BRANCH—Continued.

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	MISSION BANDS.																
Centenary, Hamilton....	75	57	..	18
St. Catharines, St. Paul's Street.....	52	40	..	12
London, Queen's Avenue.	39	50	11
St. Thomas, First	35	53	18
Oakville.....	53	26	..	27
Aylmer.....	27	28	1
Mitchell.....	50	16	..	34
Brantford.....	21	17	..	4
Rockwood.....	50	40	..	10
Hamilton, First Methodist	38	38
Otterville.....	16	16
Jarvis.....	63	63
Eden Mills.....	25	25
Teeterville.....	45	45
St. Catharines, Welland Avenue.....	25	25
Mt. Pleasant.....
Stratford.....
Maple Grove.....
Paris.....	30	30
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	12	12
Milton.....
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Western Branch assembled in the Norfolk Street Church, Guelph, October 3rd, at 10.30 a.m. In the absence of the President, Mrs. S. J. Hunter, Mrs. Messmore, of Brantford, took the chair, and opened the session with devotional exercises. About sixty delegates reported present.

The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer showed an increase of twenty-three Auxiliaries and eleven Mission Bands, receipts \$5,939.35.

The reports of the Auxiliaries evidenced self-denying work and persistent effort, frequently under discouraging circumstances. The testimony of the organizers was most interesting and inspiring, frequently amusing, too, in the narration of persistent and cheerful effort to open doors, which were apparently ajar, but on attempting to enter, closed in a disheartening way.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

- President Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas.
- Vice-Presidents { First " Dr. Fowler, London.
- Second " Messmore, Brantford.
- Third " Russ, Woodstock.
- Recording Secretary " J. H. McMechan, London.
- Corresponding Secretary " Cunningham, Galt.
- Treasurer " J. C. Detlor, Clinton.

It was resolved, that the Corresponding Secretary have an assistant, and Miss Morton, of Hamilton, was appointed to this position; also resolved, that the organizers be appointed for each District by the Secretary, as was done last year.

REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES.

CENTENARY CHURCH, HAMILTON.

While we cannot report a large increase in membership, the information of the needs of the work, as given in the monthly letters from our missionaries, has led to an increase of interest. Three boxes of valuable clothing have been sent to the Indians. The Sunday-school sent money to purchase an organ for the Shitaya Church, Tokyo. While thankful for the year's success, we hope to do still greater things in the future.

WESLEY CHURCH, HAMILTON.

This Auxiliary, formed last October, has been doing good work. Monthly and quarterly meetings interesting. One hundred and seventeen copies of the *Outlook* are taken by our congregation, which is due to the effort of Mrs. Clarke, a lady advanced in years. The members of Sister Sterling's class thought of sending a floral tribute at time of death, when it was suggested that a contribution to the Woman's Missionary Society would be more in accordance with her wishes if she could express them, and so the sum of \$15 was given in memory of our departed sister. We have had no Mission Band, but one is being organized.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, HAMILTON.

We are truly thankful at this the close of our first year's work, thankful, but not satisfied. Our membership has doubled since the first meeting. We have both a Mission Circle and a Little Gleaner's Band, who have shown great interest in the work, and have done good service.

Membership not reported.

Paris	586
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	586
Milton	514
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	1718
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Total	1585

GORE STREET CHURCH, HAMILTON.

This being our first year, we have had no reason to feel discouraged, while some will be the better for our contributions, we have been benefited by increased knowledge of the work.

GODERICH.

The year just closed has not been as prosperous as we could wish. The outlook for the coming year seems brighter, and we have the promise of several new members.

SIMCOE

reports an increase both in membership and interest. A box of clothing was sent to the Crosby Home. We regret we must suspend work for the present, owing to difficulty in our Church.

BRANTFORD

feels that the Lord has honored them in their having three lady workers in Japan. The reason our funds show a decrease is because we have had no new life members, and not from lack of interest in our work. We have divided into three Auxiliaries, and at our first meeting we had as many members as we had had altogether.

STRATHROY

reports an increase of membership. The missionary prayer-meetings, at which extracts from the *Outlook* have been read, and stirring appeals to increased energy in our work made by our pastor, have been both interesting and profitable.

BURLINGTON.

Our work has fallen short of our earnest desire, three members have been removed by death. We sent a valuable box of clothing to the North-West.

ST. PAUL'S STREET CHURCH, ST. CATHARINES,

reports a prosperous year, for though the membership is smaller, and the amount raised less than last year, it is because another Auxiliary has been formed in the city; but, by means of it, the work of the Society has been strengthened and extended.

ST. PAUL'S STREET MISSION BAND

reports a successful year. As each member has taken a mite box, pledging herself to drop in at least two cents a week, and we propose meeting weekly for work, we hope to do more in the future than in the past.

THE GLEANERS, ST. THOMAS,

report having almost doubled their membership. Miss Wintemute's letters have been much enjoyed, and have encouraged us to push onward and upward.

OTTERVILLE.

While we cannot report an increase in membership, our monthly meetings have increased in interest. Miss Cartmell's visit did us good, not only in the information given and increased interest awakened, but through her influence a Mission Band was formed, which we hope will do good work.

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QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON.

We report another year of prosperity. Although our membership was depleted by the forming of two new Auxiliaries, we only report a decrease of one. About Christmas a box of clothing was sent to the St. Clair Mission. We have introduced a birthday box into our monthly meetings, which is always present to receive offerings from those whose birthday has occurred during the month. Our meetings are full of interest.

QUEEN'S AVENUE MISSION BAND.

During the past year our membership has increased from thirty-nine to fifty, besides fifteen honorary members, most of whom kindly contributed \$1 as a fee. Our meetings are held monthly. Our funds have been raised chiefly through three entertainments. About Christmas a box was prepared and sent to the McDougall Orphanage. Before another year passes we hope to have our Circle what it ought to be, the banner Circle of the West.

DUNDAS STREET, LONDON,

reports monthly meetings interesting and profitable. The young people sent us a donation of \$39.47.

JARVIS

is pleased to report an increasing interest in the missionary work, the slight decrease being caused by deaths and removals. Our Auxiliary has three branch societies, one at each appointment, each holding its monthly meetings, while all meet together at the quarterly meeting, held at the same time and place of the Quarterly Board business meeting. These meetings are especially interesting, each Branch being well represented.

JARVIS APPOINTMENT MISSION BAND,

organized last December by Mrs. Jackson, with a membership of thirty-eight, which has since increased to sixty-three, composed of young people and children. Our monthly meetings assume the form of an entertainment, all missionary in character, which are very instructive, the knowledge thus acquired being an incentive to work.

CLINTON.

We are thankful to be able to report an increase in funds and membership, also a greater interest in the work of the Society. All the meetings were well attended.

INGERSOLL

reports some increase in membership, while the decrease in funds is not from want of interest, but because local claims have pressed heavily for the time. We are looking forward to next year for increased prosperity.

MITCHELL.

Monthly meetings have been well attended, and interest maintained. Our opening prayer meetings have been varied by a consecration meeting, and a Bible reading. Our motto is, as it has been, "Upward and Onward."

MITCHELL MISSION BAND.

We have been working under difficulties, so many other meetings rather crowded us out. We are thinking of having the juveniles by themselves, that perhaps both would do better separated.

DUNDAS.

The monthly meetings have proved of much spiritual benefit to the membership. A visit from Mrs. Hunter and Miss Cartmell did us good. Our funds are all in advance, the slight decrease in the returns being caused by our having only one life member, instead of two, as last year.

THOROLD

reports an increase in membership. In February a box of clothing and material was sent to Chilliwack. We have had three successful public meetings, at which we were assisted by Dr. Hunter, Mr. Hiraiwa and Miss Cartmell.

OAKVILLE

is thankful for the past, and hopeful for the future. A visit from Dr. McDonald was interesting, giving Japan a warm place in our affections. We are preparing a box for the Indians on the Blood Reserve.

OAKVILLE MISSION BAND.

Our membership has decreased, owing to removals; our President leaving us, we gave her a farewell tea, and presented her with \$10, which she contributed to the Chinese School. Learning also that Miss Leake would need quilts this winter, we are preparing a box, which will soon be sent.

THE GROVE

are encouraged to go on by being able to show a slight increase. We have enjoyed the letters and leaflets, and feel that they more than repay the cost.

SILOAM AND ZION

report interest increased and membership the same, notwithstanding deaths and removals; funds slightly in advance.

NIAGARA FALLS, SPENCERIAN.

Our monthly and public meetings have been interesting. A Mission Band has been formed, and a growing interest in the missionary cause manifested.

NIAGARA FALLS, SOUTH,

report a good deal of success, with our officers' hearts and hands in the work. Mrs. Messmore did us good service at our anniversary meeting, while the chairman, Rev. C. Lavell, gave us a surprise by presenting our minister's wife, Mrs. Hobbs, with a life membership.

ROCKWOOD

reports a large attendance at the monthly meetings, which, indeed, have been a means of grace, and are encouraged by the interest taken in the work.

THE CARTMELL MISSION BAND, ROCKWOOD.

We now number forty members. Last April twenty-four children took two cents each to make use of until September, to bring in a report of how they had used it. Seventeen brought back the two cents and what they had made, the total being \$11.75. The reports were both interesting and amusing; and, for young children, they had worked hard. A number took two cents to use till next September.

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reports a growing interest in the work, and an increase in funds, while we are glad to be able to state that circuit finances have not suffered, nor the subscriptions to the general missionary fund been reduced. We acknowledge with gratitude a thankoffering of \$25, from an unknown giver.

AYLMER

reports that the funds have considerably increased, though there has been a slight decrease in membership, while the monthly meetings have been times of refreshing. We mourn the loss of Miss Deacon, through whose efforts our Auxiliary was organized.

TILSONBURG

reports progress. The monthly meetings have proved a means of grace, our hearts being cheered and encouraged by the glad news from the different fields of toil.

OWEN SOUND

reports a successful year, especially financially, with an increase of membership, those added being very enthusiastic in missionary work.

TEETERVILLE,

organized last September, by Mrs. Hooker, has a membership of twenty-one; a true missionary spirit prevails. We are thankful that God has opened up to us this way to work for Him. Miss Cartmell's visit did us good, and this, with an entertainment, not only increased our funds, but aroused the interest of outsiders on the circuit in the missionary cause. We have two Mission Bands, one at Teeterville and the other at Vanessa; both are working zealously.

BRUSSELS

was organized a year ago. From the first the members seemed greatly interested, and anxious to make every session profitable and interesting. We enjoyed the lecture given by Mr. Hiraiwa.

LONDON SOUTH

during this, its first year of existence, reports a membership of forty, with a good attendance at the monthly meetings. We have contributed clothing to the Sarnia Mission, and the McDougall Orphanage.

LONDON WEST

was organized by Mrs. Dr. Fowler. Besides the monthly meetings, we held our open meeting in January, addressed by Dr. McDonald and Mr. Hiraiwa. At the September meeting Miss Cartmell was present, and her words were an inspiration to toil on.

MOUNT PLEASANT

commenced work last December, though few in number as yet. We hope the visit from Miss Cartmell, which was a season of profit and pleasure, and the fact that one of our number, Miss Preston, has gone from us to toil in Japan, will be an additional incentive to join in this good work. We have difficulties to contend with, but we hope to see such an interest awakened in our work as will overcome all hindrances, and show this duty to be a call from Him to become co-workers with Him.

WELLAND AVENUE, ST. CATHARINES.

Our Auxiliary was organized last December. We find that the letters from our missionaries always encourage us, and stimulate us to do more. Our Mission Band has done well for the short time it has been in existence, having handed into our treasury the sum of \$53.50.

WATERFORD.

Our Auxiliary, organized by Mrs. Jackson, of Jarvis, last January, has a membership of seventeen. While we realize that our efforts are feeble, we are looking for greater results next year. We sent a box of clothing to the Chinese Home, B.C.

SEAFORTH,

organized in January, by Mrs. Detlor, Clinton, has a membership of seventeen. Though we feel that we have not accomplished all that it was in our hearts to do, we have made a beginning, and are determined to give ourselves more fully to the work.

JERSEYVILLE,

organized by Mrs. Messmore in March, reports an increase in membership from twelve to twenty-one. The letters from our missionaries, extracts from missionary addresses, and testimonies from Christian workers, given at the monthly meetings, have made them not only successful, but eminently profitable, by showing us the great work committed to the Church. We propose holding open meetings during the winter, when presenting facts about missions in general, and our own Society in particular, we hope the missionary fire will spread through the whole circuit.

CHATHAM

reports a prosperous year, with increase of membership and funds, much good being received from the *Outlook*, of which forty copies are taken.

UNION

reports a successful year. We presented our retiring President, Mrs. Freeman, with a life-membership certificate. Thanking God for our own blessings, we feel glad of the opportunity to help others.

HANNAH STREET, HAMILTON,

organized last December, by Mrs. Stoney, has a membership of twenty-seven. Monthly meetings have been interesting and well attended. Our Mission Band has been doing good work.

EMERALD STREET, HAMILTON,

organized last February, has a membership of nine. We hope to be more successful next year.

CARLINGFORD.

Our Auxiliary was organized; we are thankfully and hopefully working.

LIBBY BAND, BRANTFORD.

Our membership is small, but we expect we shall do better in the future, as we have divided into three—one for each church.

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ALMA COLLEGE, ST. THOMAS.

Our meetings held on the Sabbath are addressed by ministers, or others well acquainted with some department of missionary work. Papers on Christian Missions are read by members of the Society, and suitable music provided by the College choir. The aim is to make the meetings instructive and interesting, so that the sympathies of the students may be enlisted in our Master's work. We have sent \$60 to Japan, and \$30 to British Columbia.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

The past year has been one of great encouragement to all workers in this Branch. We have had a considerable increase in Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, membership and funds. In the organization of new societies, Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Willmott, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Maybee, have been unsparing in their efforts. We have sixteen new Auxiliaries. Those in Toronto are in Parkdale, Dundas Street, Bathurst Street, Yonge Street, St. Paul's, Berkeley Street, and the Western Church; others are in Cobourg, Tweed, Port Perry, Orillia, Collingwood, Whitby, Pickering, Thornbury and Sidney Circuit. There are fourteen new Mission Bands: they are in Orillia, Foxboro', Oshawa, Collingwood, Picton, Bath, Carlton Street, Elm Street, Port Hope, Downsview, two in Uxbridge, and two in Madoc.

Owing to the withdrawal of the teacher and his wife from Georgina Island, the Auxiliary amongst the Indian women has been dropped; and Trenton, which was reported last year as having organized, never held another meeting, so that the total number of Auxiliaries now on our list is fifty-three; total number of Mission Bands thirty, making eighty-three Societies for this Branch. Number of ordinary members, 1,492; life members, 84; Mission Band members, 1,029; total, 2,605. Income for the year is \$6,490.23, an increase of \$1,879.69 over last year.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Central Branch was held in the Carlton Street Church, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1888. Mrs. Dr. Williams occupied the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

<i>President</i>	Mrs. Dr. Williams, 30 Maitland Street.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i> {	<i>First</i>
	" Gooderham.
	<i>Second</i>
	" Dr. Carman.
	<i>Third</i>
	" Dawson Kerr.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" T. Thompson, 2 Elm Avenue, Rosedale.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" J. B. Willmott, 46 Bond Street.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Dr. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street.

CENTRAL BRANCH—TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sabbath-schools.	Sale of Reports.	Bequests.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Amount Raised.	Amount Received.
Toronto—													
Metropolitan	\$93 00	\$50 00	\$459 00	....	....	\$14 96	..	\$3 90	..	\$537 78	\$5 90	\$1164 54	\$1159 89
Eastern	117 00	175 00	222 00	....	....	19 75	..	2 60	..	5 10	3 10	514 55	544 55
Queen Street	66 50	125 00	175 00	\$82 38	\$44 37	....	\$5 50	1 25	..	10 65	3 25	513 90	484 06
Carlton Street	49 00	25 00	168 40	25 75	....	31 38	..	2 40	..	100 00	5 90	407 83	405 48
Elm Street	47 00	50 00	253 92	....	25 35	12 43	..	0 30	..	12 00	..	401 00	401 00
Central .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	156 45	156 45
Spadina Avenue	52 00	50 00	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	2 00	..	104 00	104 00
Euclid Avenue	23 00	25 00	....	....	....	5 23	..	....	..	....	..	53 23	53 23
Wesley	33 25	....	....	....	16 00	....	..	....	..	....	5 50	54 75	50 50
North .....	....	25 00	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	25 00	25 00
Brampton	56 50	75 00	....	47 07	....	17 56	..	2 50	..	51 75	23 00	273 38	271 63
Belleville, Bridge Street....	109 00	50 00	17 30	9 78	....	13 83	..	2 00	\$1 65	46 00	....	249 56	249 06
Belleville, Tabernacle	20 95	....	7 85	....	....	....	..	0 40	..	17 00	8 94	55 14	54 14
Napanee	54 00	25 00	....	....	29 00	17 42	..	0 25	..	5 00	..	130 67	130 25
Uxbridge	38 50	50 00	14 02	18 05	....	3 35	..	1 00	..	15 00	2 91	142 83	142 83
Picton	52 50	25 00	13 00	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	90 50	90 50
Barrie	43 00	....	26 07	....	....	7 90	..	0 50	..	1 50	..	78 97	78 42
Oshawa	36 83	25 00	....	....	26 40	8 96	..	0 50	..	....	0 25	97 94	96 48
Bowmanville	20 63	....	....	10 00	....	2 36	..	0 25	..	5 00	..	38 24	38 24
Streetville	21 00	....	4 50	12 38	....	4 54	..	0 70	..	....	..	43 12	43 12
Lakefield	21 75	....	....	....	6 05	2 96	..	1 15	..	1 00	..	32 93	32 59
Newmarket	22 25	....	....	13 40	....	7 29	..	....	..	....	0 70	43 64	43 64
Oreone and Kirby	24 75	....	14 52	5 27	....	....	..	0 85	..	4 00	..	49 39	44 12

Newcastle	16 00	3 55	5 00	0 30	0 61	25 46	25 21
Lindsay	21 00	....	11 00	....	6 00	1 15	..	....	..	....	..	39 15	37 15
Smithfield	22 00	50 00	....	8 00	....	....	..	1 10	..	4 00	..	85 10	85 10
Brighton	6 05	....	....	7 45	....	....	..	0 45	..	....	..	14 00	14 00
Georgina Island	10 70	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	10 70	10 70

Bowmanville	20 63	.....	10 00	.....	2 36	.....	0 25	.....	5 00	.....	38 24	38 24
Streetville	21 00	.....	4 50	12 38	.....	4 54	.....	0 70	.....	.....	43 12	43 12
Lakefield	21 75	.....	.....	.....	6 05	.....	2 96	.....	1 15	.....	32 93	32 59
Newmarket	22 25	.....	.....	13 40	.....	7 29	.....	.....	.....	0 70	43 64	43 64
Oreog and Kirby	24 75	.....	14 52	5 27	.....	.....	.....	0 85	.....	4 00	49 39	44 12

Newcastle	16 00	3 55	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	0 30	.....	.....	0 61	25 46	25 21
Lindsay	21 00	.....	11 00	.....	6 00	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 15	37 15
Smithfield	22 00	50 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	4 00	.....	85 10	85 10
Brighton	6 05	.....	.....	7 45	.....	.....	0 45	.....	.....	.....	0 05	14 00	14 00
Georgina Island	10 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 70	10 70
Bath	16 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	18 45	18 45
Peterboro'	29 00	.....	57 50	12 49	1 10	19 94	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	121 78	118 48
Stirling	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	30 00
Foxboro'	14 00	.....	10 00	0 25	.....	.....	.....	0 30	.....	0 25	5 70	30 50	30 50
Port Hope	33 00	.....	46 00	6 88	.....	8 08	.....	.....	.....	5 45	2 62	102 03	97 41
Ontario Ladies' College .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 00	37 00
Castleton	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	32 00	28 00
Schomberg	31 00	.....	2 75	.....	.....	4 72	.....	0 45	.....	.....	0 50	39 42	39 37
Albert College Mission Band .....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	14 00
Orillia	19 25	.....	.....	.....	11 15	5 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 56	31 00
Tweed	17 00	.....	.....	10 08	.....	.....	.....	0 30	.....	2 00	2 50	31 88	29 78
Collingwood	30 50	.....	7 50	18 53	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	2 25	1 45	61 58	55 88
Port Perry	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 39	17 79
Sidney	40 81	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 25	2 28	58 34	44 06
Cobourg	13 00	.....	.....	7 00	3 13	10 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	36 40	34 45
Parkdale	27 00	25 00	.....	.....	13 16	3 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 09	68 84
Pickering	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	16 00	16 00
Downsview Mission Band	2 25	.....	.....	.....	9 85	6 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 03	19 03
Total	\$1429 92	\$853 55	\$1524 33	296 76	196 56	236 49	\$5 95	24 35	\$1 65	\$854 73	79 68	\$5697 42	\$5601 38

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT OF CENTRAL BRANCH,
1887-88.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Members, Sept., 1887.	Number of Members, Sept., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Life Members, Sept, 18-7.	Life Members, Sept, 18-8.	Increase.	Number of Mission Band Members, 18-8.	Total Number of Members, 1-88.	Number of Public Meetings	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
Metropolitan Church	122	93			14	16			109	8	26	8	8
Elm Street Church	51	47	4		1	3	2		50	10	11	10	10
Carlton Street Church	48	43			7	8	1		56				
Eastern Auxiliary	105	91			11	7			98	1	10		11
Central Auxiliary	53	64			1	1			65	2	10	14	12
Euclid Avenue Auxiliary	31	23		3					23				
Spadina Avenue Auxiliary	47	52			3	6			48		8	20	8
Queen Street Auxiliary	76	66		10	5	10	5		76	6	10	36	16
Bathurst Street Auxiliary		14							14		2		2
Yonge Street Auxiliary (No report)						1							
Dundas Street Auxiliary		36							36	1	7	16	8
Parkdale Auxiliary		30				1			30	2	6	10	8
Uxbridge Auxiliary	45	48	3			2	2		50	1	12	15	13
Bowmanville Auxiliary	23	24	1						24	2	8	7	10
Oshawa	30	33				1			34				
Lindsay	16	23	7						23	1	10	9	11
Newcastle	17	14		3	1				17	1	1	10	2
Newmarket	22	24	2						24	2	12		14
Orono and Kirby	23	27	4		2	1			28	3	10	8	13
Pictou	54	66			3	4	1		66				
Belleville (Bridge Street)	77	100	34		2	3			111		8	15	11
Belleville (Tabernacle)	18	20	2		3	2			23	3	10	9	13
Lakefield	21	25	4		1	1			26	1	8	8	9
Streetsville	21	21			2	2			23	2	9	8	11
Napanee	47	54	7		1	2	1		46		5	12	5
Barrie	48	43							43				
Foxboro'	10	14	4						14	1	8	8	9
Brampton	57	57			5	7	2		64	5	8	20	13
Smithfield	13	22	9			1	1		23	2	12	11	14
Bath	10	6			1	1			7		11	5	11
Brighton	18	17		1					17				
Milbrook	12	12							1	1	8	4	9
Port Hope	35	33		2					33	1	8		9
Norwood	10												
Carlton	27	25							25	1	12	12	13
Peterboro'	29	29							29	2	12	10	14
Schomberg	29	27		2	1	1			28	1	10	15	11
Cobourg		19							19	1	5	9	6
Tweed		20							20				
Collingwood		30				1			31	2	8	12	10
Pickering		11							11		6	6	6
Orillia		25							25	1	7	14	8
Sidney Circuit		31				1			35		1	12	4
Port Perry		16							16		7	10	7
Whitby (No report)													
Western Church, Toronto													
Thornbury													
Bobcaygeon													
Madoc													
Newburgh													
Sterling													
St. Paul's, Toronto													
Berkeley Street, Toronto													

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT—Continued.

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Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
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AUXILIARIES.

MISSION BANDS.

	Number of Members, Sept., 1887.	Number of Members, Sept., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Life Members, Sept. 1887.	Life Members, Sept., 1888.	Increase.	Number of Mission Band Members, 1888.	Total Number of Members, 1888.	Number of Public Meetings.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
Albert College, Belleville.....								12					
University Church.....								20					
Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby.....								29					
Madoc.....								30					
Downsview.....								18					
Metropolitan.....								100					
Elm Street.....								49					
Carlton Street.....								54					
Queen Street.....								56					
Orillia "Pearl Gatherers".....								33					
Foxboro' "Gleaners for the Master".....								41					
Oshawa.....								12					
Collingwood "Ray of Sunshine".....								10					
Picton "Wayside Workers".....								40					
Bath "Gleaners".....								24					
Sherbourne Street Young Ladies' Mission Circle.....								78					
Peterboro' "Tireless Toilers".....								40					
Barrie "Gleaners".....								12					
Belleville "Jubilee" (Bridge Street).....								54					
Streetsville.....								14					
Port Hope.....								30					
Lindsay.....								29					
Metropolitan "Coral Workers".....								75					
Uxbridge "The Steinhauser".....								24					
Carlton Street "King's Daughters".....								20					
Schomberg.....								11					
Orono and Kirby.....								85					
Uxbridge "Cheerful Givers".....								28					
Madoc Infant Band.....								15					
Berkeley Street "Busy Bees".....								40					

REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES.

METROPOLITAN, TORONTO.

This Auxiliary has held eight monthly meetings of much spiritual interest, several Bible readings being given by the members. The wish that the Auxiliary would support a missionary in Japan has been realized, Miss Munro being now on her way. Membership, 109, including sixteen life members. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$1,157.89, which includes \$522.68 for Metropolitan missionary's salary, also amounts received from Mission Bands.

METROPOLITAN MISSION CIRCLE.

The Circle this year had interesting papers contributed by members on missionary subjects, several evidencing much research. Membership, 100; amount contributed, \$334.

CORAL MISSION WORKERS.

This is a band of little children, who are working for the Master. Membership, 75; meetings held, 14; amount contributed, \$125.

ELM STREET, TORONTO.

Elm Street Auxiliary reports no material change in membership. There is a larger sum to send the Branch Treasurer this year than any previous year since the organization of the Auxiliary. Total receipts are \$401; of this amount \$253.92 was contributed by the Mission Band.

ELM STREET MISSION BAND

re-organized in September, 1887, and have worked enthusiastically this year. They number forty-nine members, and have paid into the treasury of the Auxiliary \$253.92.

CENTRAL CHURCH AUXILIARY.

This year we report one life member and sixty-four annual members, being an increase of six members more than last year. As we have lost six members through removal, we have twelve new members for this year. Amount contributed, \$156.45.

QUEEN STREET, TORONTO.

During the past year we held ten monthly meetings, with an average attendance of thirty-six, and six public meetings. Our membership for 1887 was eighty-one; our membership for 1888 was seventy-six. We appear by this to have lost five members, but by the withdrawal of Wesley Church we lost seventeen, and by removal four, so that in reality we gained sixteen members. During the year five life members have been added to our list. The amount sent to Treasurer, \$484.06. Our Mission Band has a membership of fifty-six, and raised during the year \$180.

SPADINA AVENUE, TORONTO.

The missionary interest in our Auxiliary has moved steadily on during the past year. We organized a year and ten months ago with twenty members. We now have fifty-two annual members and six life members. Amount contributed since organization, \$251.60. Average attendance at monthly meetings, twenty.

It is gratifying to find that our meetings have had a membership of 100. Our finances

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Our meetings in our Auxiliary report a large Branch Treasurer and \$9.35 and \$9.35 Daughters.

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EASTERN AUXILIARY, TORONTO.

It is gratifying to us to be able to report a year of progress. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly, and have proved of great interest. The membership has increased, and new life members have been added to the list. Our finances are much in advance of last year.

SHERBOURNE STREET MISSION CIRCLE

contributed \$200.

"BUSY BEES," BERKELEY STREET,

contributed \$22.

CARLTON STREET, TORONTO.

Our membership remains very much as last year, having an increase of one in our Auxiliary, and seven in the Mission Band. We are glad, however, to report a large increase in the amount raised, \$405.48 having been handed to the Branch Treasurer. Of this amount, \$159 has been raised by the Mission Band, and \$9.35 by a band of younger girls, styling themselves "The King's Daughters."

WESLEY CHURCH AUXILIARY.

Our Auxiliary was organized on Thursday, November 24th, by Mesdames Williams and Willmott. We started with a membership of twenty-four, which was shortly increased to thirty-four. We held seven meetings before we closed for the year. We have been enabled to send to the Branch Treasurer the sum of \$51.25.

EUCLID AVENUE, TORONTO.

The membership at the close of last year, twenty-five; added during the year, ten; total, thirty-five; removed or dropped, seven; total net membership, twenty-eight. Amount remitted, \$53.23.

BATHURST STREET, TORONTO.

Organized April 30th, 1888, by Mrs. Dr. Williams and Mrs. McKay.

YONGE STREET CHURCH, TORONTO.

Our Yonge Street Church Auxiliary was organized May 21st, by Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Dr. Aikins, Mrs. McKay and Miss Wilkes. We pray our Heavenly Father that He will help us up to do something for Him. Members, twenty-eight; amount contributed, \$25.

PARKDALE.

The Parkdale Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. Dr. Williams and Mrs. Dr. Willmott, on the 6th of February, 1888, at a meeting held in the parsonage. Twenty-five ladies were present, all of whom put down their names as members, to which number six names have since been added. Amount collected, \$47.75.

BARRIE.

Owing to many removals from our town, we regret to report a decrease in our membership. One of our members has gone to be with Christ, which is far better. Our monthly meetings have been fairly well attended, and profitable; and considerable interest has been taken in missionary intelligence. Amount

remitted, \$78.42. The Barrie Gleaners' Mission Band have had a fairly prosperous year. They have added to their funds by the making and selling of four quilts, and the holding of an "At Home" to celebrate the anniversary of their organization. They also had a visit from Miss Cartmell in June, which was most enjoyable and profitable. The Band are looking forward hopefully to the coming year.

BRAMPTON.

This year we report a very small increase in membership, but an advance in finances, without any special effort having been made to increase them. "As many as were willing hearted" have brought their offerings, "not begrudgingly nor of necessity." "Multiplying our store, thus will the Master feed multitudes as of yore." Life members, seven; annual members, fifty-seven; amount raised, \$271.63.

BRIDGE STREET, BELLEVILLE.

We thankfully report a very marked increase in members, money and interest. Our last monthly meeting was the largest of the year. The impetus given to our Society by the visit of the General Board is still, with God's blessing, impelling us forward. Our membership is 112, including three life members, two of whom were added this year, and our income, \$249.56, nearly double that of last year. We gratefully notice donations of \$20 from Mrs. Wm. Vandervoort, \$10 from Mrs. J. G. Frost, a thankoffering, \$5, from Mrs. Meacham, and Mrs. R. Reid \$10, besides several smaller ones. We feel it a great privilege to gather for the Lord.

JUBILEE MISSION BAND.

This Mission Band was formed in April, 1887, and being the year of the Queen's Jubilee, it was decided to call it the "Jubilee" Mission Band. The membership is fifty-four, and the amount raised, \$17.55. During the year bags, called "self-restraint bags," have been distributed among the members, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purpose of furnishing a room in one of the Girls' Homes now in process of erection.

TABERNACLE AUXILIARY, BELLEVILLE.

The interest in our Woman's Missionary Society is increasing; much good was done by the meeting of the Board of Management. Again has death entered our Circle, and taken two members—Mrs. T. Spafford, who has been a faithful member and officer ever since our organization, and Mrs. S. B. Burdett, one of our new members. A donation of \$5 was received for the Japan work from Jas. B. Thayer, Brighton. We have held ten monthly and three union Jubilee meetings. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$54.14; twenty-six copies of *Outlook* taken.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH MISSION BAND.

This Band is composed almost entirely of children. Amount contributed, \$7.85. It is their wish that this should go to the McDougall Orphanage.

ALBERT COLLEGE LADIES' MISSION BAND.

We are glad to report a growing interest in the mission work. Our public meetings have been well attended, essays and papers on different missions read by members of the Band. Number of members, twelve; amount contributed, \$14.

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PORT HOPE.

We have enrolled during the year ending September 15th, 1888, thirty-three members, and sent to Branch Treasurer \$51.41.

REPORT OF PORT HOPE MISSION BAND.

We number thirty members. Have raised by entertainments and sale \$100; \$50 of which have been sent to the Chilliwack Indian Home for the support of a boy, and \$50 to the Branch Treasurer.

PETERBORO'

has twenty-nine members; has held during the year twelve business and two public meetings. Average attendance at regular meetings, ten. A growing interest manifested in the work. Amount remitted during the year, \$59.62.

The Band, "Tireless Toilers," numbers forty. Business meetings held during the year, nine; public, two. Enthusiasm somewhat low at present, but with hopes for rising temperature. Remittances for the year, \$57.50.

UXBRIDGE.

This year has been a most encouraging one in our history. We report fifty members; \$166.23 have been raised, of which we gave Mr. Hiraiwa \$18. We have our first two life members this year, and have received two donations—one of \$5 and another of \$10 for the Japan School. Our meetings have been well attended, and have been means of blessing to each soul taking part.

"THE STEINHAUER" MISSION BAND.

Our Mission Band numbers twenty-six. They have held fortnightly meetings, and have raised \$18.02. Miss Cartmell's visit was a blessing to both young and older members. The "Cheerful Givers," a children's society, have not raised as much money this year as last, but hope to go to work again with renewed zeal. They have twenty-three members, have held twelve meetings, and raised \$2.06.

PICTON.

Our Auxiliary was organized in 1882 at the earnest request of Rev. Dr. Sutherland. Mrs. C. S. Wilson, President; forty-nine members. There has been a gradual increase in membership and a marked growth in interest. Present membership, sixty-six. Amount remitted, \$90.50. Our Mission Band, the "Wayside Workers," was organized last March. We have forty members, who manifest much interest in the work. Amount raised, \$13.

LAKEFIELD.

In presenting our report for the last year, we regret that it has not been marked by greater prosperity. A recent visit from Miss Cartmell has given us inspiration, and the work will be continued, we hope, with greater zeal during the coming year, for we realize that with our many opportunities come proportionate responsibilities. Amount contributed, \$32.59.

ORONO AND KIRBY.

During the past year we have lost five of our old members by death and removal, while we have also gained eight new members, giving us an increase of three. We now number twenty-eight. Last autumn, God in His wisdom saw fit to remove from our midst one of our most earnest workers, and one of the first to join our Auxiliary, Mrs. R. Knott. During the winter, death again

visited our ranks, and took this time one of our life members, Miss E. A. Barrett, formerly a missionary to the North-West, and the organizer of our Auxiliary. Amount contributed by the Auxiliary, \$25.60; Mission Band, \$14.52; donation, \$4. Amount sent Branch Treasurer, \$41.12.

SIDNEY CIRCUIT.

Our Auxiliary was organized on the 21st May, 1883, by Mrs. L. Massey, with nineteen members. Since then our membership has increased to thirty-five, including honorary members. We have held three public meetings, which were well attended. An able address was given by our President, Mrs. L. Massey, at each meeting, and an original paper at our third by Mrs. Maybee, of Foxboro'. The interest in the work is increasing, and we have every reason to be encouraged for the future.

BATH AUXILIARY.

Our monthly meetings have been the means of increasing our knowledge of the need there is for missionary effort, and also stimulated our zeal and faith. We are sorry to have to report a decrease in membership of four by removals, but hope our loss will be the means of strengthening this cause elsewhere. Number of meetings, eleven; members, eight. Amount remitted, \$18.45.

BATH GLEANERS.

This mission numbers twenty-four; holds meetings fortnightly with a fair attendance. We have not accomplished much financially, but hope we are laying a good foundation for years to come, which will secure large results to this grand cause. Members' fees, \$2.38; collected by mite boxes, \$1.72.

SMITHFIELD.

We are glad to be able to report an increase in membership as well as funds. At a public meeting held in February, Mrs. Massey, of Wallbridge, gave an address, and several names were then added. Miss Cartmell was with us June 26th, and gave much information, which has greatly increased our interest in the work. Miss Annie Adams, our former President, became a life member this year. Members, twenty-three; amount remitted, \$60.

NEWMARKET.

There has been a slight increase over last year both in members and income, and the interest seems to be growing.

NEWCASTLE.

The average attendance at our meetings is ten. We had an entertainment in March, and raised \$5. We have greatly enjoyed reading the letters sent from foreign missionaries. Amount remitted, \$25.21.

PORT PERRY.

The Port Perry Auxiliary of the Central Branch was organized by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McKay, February 9th, 1888. We have sixteen members, all of whom are greatly interested in the work. Twelve mite boxes were distributed last month. Amount of members' fees, \$17.79. Contents of a mite box belonging to Miss Lulu Ross, \$1.89, making a total of \$19.68 sent to Treasurer.

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COBOURG.

Our Auxiliary was organized March 8th, 1888, by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Willmott, of Toronto. We have a membership of nineteen, one of these being an honorary member. We have had regular monthly meetings, with an average attendance of nine. In June we had an address from Miss Cartmell, which awakened among us a greater zeal in missionary work. Amount contributed, \$10.30.

LINDSAY.

There is a fair increase in membership and funds, and manifestations of greater interest in the work of the Society generally. On the 10th of November last a Mission Band was organized, with a membership of twenty-nine. They went earnestly to work, and before Christmas were able to forward a large box of clothing to the Crosby Girls' Home—all new material. In January, \$11 were sent for them to the Branch Treasurer. Then again in the spring they had another large case of summer clothing ready, and sent to McDougall Orphanage.

NAPANEE AUXILIARY

reports progress, owing chiefly to the united efforts of several of our ladies to increase membership and funds. This year we have fifty-four members, who contribute \$128.25. A second life member has been given us by the Christian worker who constituted her niece a life member last year.

ORILLIA.

Our Auxiliary was organized on February 10th, 1888, by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Willmott, when twenty-five became members. We have great reason for praise in that we have found so many ready to become interested in mission work. The visit of Miss Cartmell in June was made the occasion of forming a Mission Band, called "Pearl Gatherers." Thirty-three joined the Band, but, owing to the holiday season, the attendance has been very small. The Band meets every other Saturday, and, at present, the members are at work upon a quilt. Up to the present the amount of fees paid in is \$1.95.

COLLINGWOOD.

This Auxiliary was organized in November, by Mrs. Locke, who has been our President for the year. We have now a membership of thirty, have had eight regular meetings and two public meetings, and are taking sixteen numbers of the *Outlook*. The fact that a missionary, Miss Lawrence, has been sent out from our midst, has been the means of infusing a spirit of interest in missionary work. We trust that in the coming year a deeper interest in mission work will be evinced, and our hearts be made glad in the thought that we are helping, in a measure, to spread the gospel of Jesus.

STREETSVILLE AUXILIARY.

Two public and nine monthly meetings were held during the year. We have twenty-one annual and two life members. Three new members have been added during the year, but two of our old members moved away, and one has gone to her reward. Amount remitted, \$43.62. Our Mission Circle now numbers fourteen working and four honorary members. The sum of \$4.50 has been paid to the Auxiliary Treasurer, and two quilts sent out, one to the Crosby Home and one to the Home at Chilliwhack. Our monthly meetings are well attended and interesting.

PICKERING.

Our Auxiliary was formed by Mrs. Dr. Williams and Mrs. Dr. Willmott on 7th March, 1888, with eight members, which since increased to eleven, and some new members have been secured for the incoming year. We have sent \$16 to the Branch Treasurer. Our monthly meetings have been seasons of rich spiritual good. We are enthusiastic and hopeful.

CASTLETON.

The majority of our members living in the country find it difficult to attend regularly, but when present show by the interest they take in the meetings that their hearts are in the work. Number of members, twenty-five. Amount remitted, \$28.

BOWMANVILLE.

Our membership and finances are slightly in advance of last year, but we regret that so few take an interest in missionary work. Membership, twenty-four. Income, \$38.24.

ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

We have a membership of twenty-nine, have held one public and five monthly meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. Amount remitted, \$37.18.

OSHAWA.

There is an increasing interest in missions. We have a membership of forty-two. Amount remitted, \$96.48. A Mission Band was organized by Mrs. Dr. Williams on June 6th, 1888, with a membership of fourteen.

MILLBROOK.

Our Society was organized two years ago with a membership of nine. This year we have twelve members. We received a donation of \$5 from a friend, and \$2.65 from a collection. We were delighted and profited by an address from Miss Cartmell in June.

FOXBORO' AUXILIARY.

Report shows an increase of membership and interest, largely due to the distribution of leaflets and missionary letters.

FOXBORO' MISSION BAND

(Gleaners for the Master), organized April 23rd, with membership of fourteen, increased to forty one at the end of the year.

SCHOMBERG.

Our Society is now about sixteen months old. Our Auxiliary membership has decreased by two, but we have an addition of eleven Mission Band members. The Mission Band do not hold meetings of their own, but meet with us, as they prefer doing so to having officers of their own. Our monthly meetings have been a means of grace and blessing, and have awakened the missionary spirit in a number of hearts. We sent a large box to the McDougall Orphanage this spring, containing nearly \$50 worth of clothing, nearly all made up and of new material. We have sent into Branch Treasurer this year, \$39.37.

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EASTERN BRANCH.

REPORT OF BRANCH SECRETARY FOR 1887-88.

In presenting a report of the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, it is not ours to speak of wondrous achievements nor of marvellous success, yet we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for some progress. We remember that He who marks the sparrows fall, will not suffer us to labor in vain, nor spend our strength for nought.

We mourn the loss of a life member who has been called from labor to reward. Mrs. Odum, whom God had made instrumental in the salvation of some precious souls in Japan, has, during the year now closing, heard the Master say: "It is enough, come up higher." To us her early removal is enshrouded in mystery, but He who doeth all things well, will, in the light of eternity, make it plain. Others in our Branch have heard the Master's call to their eternal reward; and to us who remain, the call to labor while life and health are ours, comes loudly to-day.

From some Auxiliaries we have received cheering reports, while some are earnestly struggling against adverse circumstances, and their acts of self-denial and devotion to this cause are most praiseworthy. Our new Auxiliaries are Montreal East; Douglas Church, Point St. Charles; Huntingdon, Merrickville, Winchester and Inkerman.

Number of Auxiliaries, 1887	19
" " " 1888	26
Increase	7
Number of Annual Members in 1887	534
" " " 1888	711
Increase	177
Number of Life Members, 1887	22
" " " 1888	29
Increase	7
Number of Mission Band Members, 1887	177
" " " " 1888	374
Increase	197
Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, 1887	\$1997 11
" " " " 1888	2375 58
Increase	\$378 47
Number of Mission Bands, 1887	8
" " " 1888	11
Increase	3

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EASTERN BRANCH
FOR 1887 AND 1888.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Members, Sept. 15th, 1887.	Number of Members, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Increase.	Decrease	Number of Life Mem- bers, Sept. 15th, 1887.	Number of Life Mem- bers, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Increase.	Number of Mission Bands Members, 1887.	Total Number Members, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Number of Public Meetings.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Number of Meetings.
Montreal	143	141	..	2	7	8	1	..	149	2	9	25	11
East .....	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	5	10	5
Point St. Charles .....	..	7	..	No	re	port	..	..	7	..	..	..	..
Douglas Church .....	..	30	30	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..
Kingston	74	66	..	8	9	12	3	56	78	3	10	12	13
Ottawa	38	52	14	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	..
Brockville	35	56	21	..	1	2	1	20	58	..	10	18	10
Pembroke	71	56	..	15	1	1	..	..	57	1	9	13	10
Mallorytown	11	12	1	..	1	1	..	..	13	..	10	9	10
Greenwood	18	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	20	2	9	7	11
Farmersville	8	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	11	5	12
Gananoque	28	30	2	..	1	2	1	..	32	1	11	10	12
Cataragui	10	..	..	No	re	port	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spencerville	12	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	1	12	6	13
Kemptville	20	14	..	6	..	..	..	..	14	1	9	8	10
Morrisburg	13	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	6	7	9
Cornwall	11	20	11	..	1	2	1	19	22	..	9	8	9
Perth	14	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	17	2	10	9	12
Renfrew	10	9	..	5	..	..	..	..	9	1	6	4	7
Cobden	7	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	5	8
Carp .....	..	12	..	..	..	1	1	..	12	1	12	8	13
Ross	11	12	..	No	re	port	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Huntingdon .....	..	27	20	..	..	..	..	..	27	1	12	12	13
Merrickville .....	..	22	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	7	12	7
Winchester .....	..	22	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	5	10	9
Inkerman .....	..	6	No	re	port	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MISSION BANDS.													
Montreal—													
St. James .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	..
East End .....	..	..	No	re	port	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kingston .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..
Ottawa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
Brockville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..
Farmersville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..
Cornwall—													
Cartmell Band .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..
Gananoque—													
Barbara Heck .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..
Olive Band .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	..
Iroquois .....	..	..	No	re	port	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quebec .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..
Total	534	711	154	36	21	29	8	488	721	17	180	192	197

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.

Annual Members' Fees.
Members' Fees.
Mission Bands.
Public Meetings.
Entertainments.
Life Boxes.
Day-schools.
Reports.
Donations.
Other Sources.
Received by Auxiliaries.
Total Received.

192	10	19	9	5	4	6	2	6	10	5	7	6	18	12	10	5	11	25
191	5	7	13	13	8	7	12	9	6	10	13	12	11	10	10	13	13	11

Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.
Number of Meetings.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sunday-schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total Received by Auxiliaries.	Total Received by Branch Treasurer.
Gananoque	\$30 00	\$25 00	\$100 75	\$10 50	\$28 50	\$6 10	\$2 00	\$0 25	\$7 00	\$0 05	\$171 45	\$171 45
Greenwood	18 75	25 00	4 61	3 25	50	1 25	0 00	0 55	0 00	0 05	66 25	65 00
Brockville	57 50	25 00	193 25	86 75	42 94	7 96	4 54	54 65	15	0 05	100 92	100 90
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Pembroke	59 29	75 00	4 44	4 44	7 26	7 20	0 60	1 25	55 70	0 25	142 58	140 89
Kempville	14 00	16 75	9 30	9 30	2 40	3 15	0 66	0 66	0 66	6 48	19 29	15 40
Kingston	14 00	10 65	15 90	15 90	16 93	16 25	1 35	2 95	3 00	6 51	316 58	316 58
Perth	16 75	13 75	16 50	16 50	14 60	14 92	0 90	0 90	2 00	0 08	40 83	40 83
Morrisburg	14 00	20 50	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	20 83	20 83
Renfrew	10 65	52 00	11 00	16 50	14 60	14 92	0 90	0 90	2 00	0 08	16 20	16 10
Huntingdon	24 65	10 00	11 00	16 50	14 60	14 92	0 90	0 90	2 00	0 08	29 56	29 56
Mallorytown	13 75	10 00	11 00	16 50	14 60	14 92	0 90	0 90	2 00	0 08	44 85	43 14
Spencerville	13 75	52 00	11 00	16 50	14 60	14 92	0 90	0 90	2 00	0 08	27 00	27 00
Cornwall	20 50	10 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	47 73	47 30
Ottawa	52 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	105 42	103 42
Cataragui	10 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	313 34	313 34
Carp	5 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	22 20	22 20
Cobden	6 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	30 00	30 00
West Winchester	18 50	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	13 75	13 75
Farmersville	15 38	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	18 75	18 75
Merrickville	22 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	25 38	25 38
Inkerman	6 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	22 00	22 00
Montreal (East End)	31 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	6 00	6 00
Point St. Charles	7 00	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	36 00	35 75
Quebec	12 65	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	42 85	42 01
Ross	12 65	25 00	200 00	17 95	17 95	7 90	0 50	0 50	3 80	3 04	50 00	50 00
Total	\$826 37	\$225 25	\$654 31	\$85 56	\$250 23	\$148 75	\$13 44	\$14 23	\$167 85	\$28 11	\$2414 10	\$2375 58

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of this Branch was held in Grace Church, Gananoque, October 2nd and 3rd, 1888. The President, Mrs. Ross, in the chair. After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. McRossie, the roll of delegates was called, when twenty-one answered to their names. This number was increased by two at the next session. Encouraging reports were read from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, whose interest in the work is steadily increasing. The public meeting in the evening was attended by a large and appreciative audience.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Taylor, of Gananoque; the reply by Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

<i>President</i>	Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i> , { <i>First</i>	" Chas. Morton, Montreal.
{ <i>Second</i>	" Geo. Taylor, Gananoque.
{ <i>Third</i>	" Jos. Skinner, Ottawa.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" T. G. Williams, Montreal.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" J. F. Abbott, Cornwall.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" McRossie, Kingston.

REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES.

MONTREAL.

Nine monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty-five, an increase over last year. The Home Committee have met six times, and carefully planned and arranged for the needs of the French schools. One public meeting of great interest was held, and one entertainment given, a farewell to the old St. James' Street Church. Number of members, 140; life members, eight; amount contributed, \$502.64.

ST. JAMES' YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE, MONTREAL.

The chief feature of our work is not to be found in the mere accumulation of dollars and cents, but in the deep interest taken in the missionary cause by each member of the Band. The regular monthly meetings have been times of great interest, and we have had the privilege of hearing the voice of our returned missionary, Miss Cartmell. The members of the Circle took great pleasure in preparing a "sewing box" for the Chinese Home. The mite box gave evidence that hearts were touched, for twenty-five boxes returned the goodly sum of \$80.27. Total amount contributed, \$193.25, which the Circle desires to be appropriated in the following manner—Chinese Home, \$50; Crosby Home, \$60; Shidzuoka School, Japan, \$83.25.

MONTREAL, EAST END.

This Society, which was organized on the 11th January, 1888, has held five meetings, during which the interests of the Woman's Society were discussed. A report of work at Actonvale was received. Eight or ten copies of the *Missionary Outlook* have been subscribed for, and mite boxes have been obtained. The members now number thirty-three, and \$20 have been remitted to the Treasurer of the Eastern Branch.

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OTTAWA AUXILIARY.

During the year the regular monthly meetings have been held, and the attendance has been very much larger than formerly, and a greater interest in the work manifested. At the beginning of the year the ladies decided to hold no entertainments in order to raise money, but, instead, to make a free-will offering once a year, and present it at the Annual Meeting as a thankoffering for mercies and blessings during the year. The members of both the Band and the Auxiliary observed a week of self-denial, that they might say with David, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord, my God, of that which doth cost me nothing." The offering this year amounted to \$22; and it is the earnest desire of the members of this Society that this method of raising money may become more and more general. Though we can report an increase in our membership, yet we are sorry to say we have to report a decrease in our contributions. This is largely owing to the long session of revival meetings in Ottawa, which took up all the evenings usually devoted to public missionary meetings, lectures, etc., and, also, to the many local objects of interest, which just at this time have been calling for so much time and money. Now that so many improvements have been made to the respective churches, and that we have an increase in our membership, and many ladies in our congregations who were not formerly identified with any Christian enterprise, but who, since the special service, are waiting and anxious for some work in the Master's vineyard, we look forward to the coming year with hopeful confidence that under God's blessing it may prove the most successful year our Society has ever seen.

BROCKVILLE.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Brockville Auxiliary to the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church:—In presenting our report for the year, we regret that it has not been more successful financially, though we have an increase in membership, for which we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father, and pray for His blessing on our work, and for the many blessings we have received during the year. The average attendance has been greater than in any former year, which shows a growing interest in the work. We feel that the increase in our membership, through divine help, is due in a great measure to the untiring efforts of our President, Mrs. Woodcock. We have to report the loss of one member by death, that of Mrs. Clint, but trust that our loss is her gain. A Mission Band was formed March 2nd, 1888, called the St. Lawrence Mission Band. Number of members, twenty.

PEMBROKE.

We have to report a decrease in the membership of our Auxiliary this year, but believe that the interest in the work is becoming more general among the members. We have now fifty-seven members—fifty-six annual members and one life member. We have to mourn the loss of one life member by death, Mrs. E. Odlum, who has been called from distant Japan to her brighter home beyond the tide. We have held nine annual meetings, with an average attendance of thirteen. We have raised the sum of \$147.63. Our anticipations of the future are hopeful, and we trust to be able to report progress for the present year.

GANANOQUE.

We are very thankful to report an increase of members and funds. We have held eleven monthly meetings and one public meeting. Average attendance, ten. Our Auxiliary and Mission Bands have raised \$171.45. We are praying that the year we have just entered upon will be one of blessing.

INKERMAN

joined the ranks of the Woman's Missionary Society February 29th, 1888, First remittance to the Branch Treasurer was \$6.50; our last remittance was unfortunately too late to be entered for the present year, also our list of membership. We hope for better things in the year we have just begun.

KEMPTVILLE.

This year we report fourteen members, a decrease of six. We have held nine monthly meetings, and as we gathered we ever found the Master Himself making one of our number. By the meetings thus held, the interest already existing has deepened and strengthened in the hearts of those most regular in attendance, and we enter the new year resolved to throw greater earnestness into this department of our Lord's work.

SPENCERVILLE.

Looking over the past year, we have great reason to be very thankful to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us. At our monthly meetings we have often been blessed while reading the leaflets and hearing what the Lord is doing for other lands. We also contributed a box to the Crosby Home; hoping the Lord will bless our weak endeavors to His own glory.

PERTH.

The past year has not been as prosperous as we would wish, yet, we trust, our labor has not been in vain. We report a small increase in membership this year. Number of members, seventeen. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$35.

CARP.

This Auxiliary was organized July 11th, 1887. Being near the close of the year, we only contributed \$5 to the Woman's Missionary Society. This year we report twelve annual members and one life member. The amount sent to Branch Treasurer during the year is \$30.

FARMERSVILLE.

Although the friends of this Auxiliary have not realized the fullest success anticipated on its organization, yet it has been steadily and quietly advancing in the direction of ultimate success. The recent meetings manifested a determined purpose to give increasing attention to the interests of this most important work. This Auxiliary remembers with gratitude the invaluable services rendered by its former President, Mrs. G. Rogers, and trusts that she may long be influential in this noble work. Number of members, ten; amount raised during the year, \$21.36.

WINCHESTER.

This Auxiliary was organized February 29th, 1888, by Mrs. T. G. Williams. As the Auxiliary is young, and the work new to all of us, we have but little to report. We have an increase of five members, and have sent a small donation of pens and copy books to Miss Leake, for the Chinese Girls' Home. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$18.75.

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The many difficulties in the way of this Auxiliary cannot be enumerated; neither can we place on record the efforts made by the few faithful ones. Their

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record is on high, and still with a steady purpose they are doing the Lord's work. Death has entered their little circle and removed to the better land their Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. Holmes. The President also has been sorely afflicted. \$22.50 has been remitted to the Branch Treasurer.

CORNWALL.

The Cornwall Auxiliary has just closed a very successful and encouraging year, with an increase of \$51.67. We hope next year will be better still.

HUNTINGDON.

The Huntingdon Auxiliary of the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized October 7th, 1887, by Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Branch, Mrs. T. G. Williams. We began with a membership of seven, and during the year our motto has been onward and upward, until we now number twenty-seven. The amount raised during the year is \$45.75, not a large amount, but we trust it is a beginning for better things to come.

RENFREW.

We report a slight advance this year in the amount sent to the Branch Treasurer. A decrease in our membership is discouraging, but we remember the words of the Master, "Ye shall reap if ye faint not."

COBDEN.

We report an increase of one member, and an increase of funds sent to Branch Treasurer; and although we have met with many discouragements during the year, we hope to hold our place in the ranks of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ROSS.

This Auxiliary is still in existence, although we are obliged to contend with many difficulties. We hope we will not be obliged to forsake the ranks of the Woman's Missionary Society. Trusting to Him who will aid His own work, we look hopefully into the future. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$12.95.

MERRICKVILLE AUXILIARY

was organized February 28th, by Mrs. T. G. Williams. Seven meetings have been held. Our members number twenty-two, with an average attendance of twelve. Much interest seems to be taken in our meetings, at which we always have a short prayer-meeting. We have remitted to the Branch Treasurer \$22.

GREENWOOD.

It gives us very great pleasure to report the progress made by our Society during this year. Although, in June, we felt that we met with a great loss by the removal of our President, Mrs. Rev. J. Wilson, to a new field of labor, yet, gathered together in "His name," our monthly meetings have been times of refreshing and interest. We are greatly encouraged by the kindness and sympathy of the friends of the cause, also by goodly donations. Mrs. Jas. Hawkins, a true friend, giving \$2. There has been a steady increase in members, in interest and in funds. The amount raised for the year is \$66.50. May we all be filled with willing, working spirits.

MALLORYTOWN.

During the present year we have held ten meetings. We are able to report a steady increase since organization. We have realized from members' fees and mite boxes \$27, and are looking hopefully into the future.

POINT ST. CHARLES

was organized in January, 1888. No report has reached the Secretary, but we find the remittance to the Branch Treasurer is \$25.01.

CHEERFUL WORKER'S MISSION BAND, OTTAWA.

Two years ago our Mission Band was organized with a membership of fifteen. We now number fifty, with thirty-one honorary members, and the interest in our work is steadily increasing. We remit to the Branch Treasurer \$200, including a generous gift of \$20 from Mr. R. F. Palmer.

ST. LAWRENCE MISSION BAND, BROCKVILLE.

The St. Lawrence Mission Band was organized by Mrs. Woodcock, on the 2nd day of March, 1888, fourteen then enrolling themselves as members. Since then our membership has increased to twenty, and our average attendance has been fifteen. During this time we have received \$5.75. Part of this has been expended in the interest of the Branch, leaving \$4.61 on hand.

FARMERSVILLE MISSION BAND.

Our Mission Band was organized October 24th, 1887, with a membership of seven, to which five have since been added. The following officers were elected: Miss Blanchard, President; Miss Kerr, Secretary; and Miss Hunt, Treasurer. We have sent two packages of papers to Miss Gordon, of Aylmer, for lumbermen on the Ottawa, and one package to Dr. Eby, of Japan. We have nearly completed a box of clothing and bedding, but have not yet decided where to send it. Funds received during year, \$5.40. Expenditure, \$1.38. Amount on hand, \$4.02.

KINGSTON MISSION BAND.

We commenced the year with the determination of making the work of the Band more intelligent, by gaining all the information we could about missionary work in foreign lands; and we have, in a great measure, carried out our plans in this respect. The amount raised by our Band for the year is \$85.70, \$14 of which is membership fees. We devoted a great part of our time to preparing a box for the Chinese Girls' Home, in Victoria, which, when finished, we valued at \$40. The report from our Bible-woman in Japan is very encouraging. We cannot but lift up our hearts in thankfulness to God, in that He has allowed us to do even this little for Him. We long to be continually abiding in Jesus, so that we may bring forth much fruit.

QUEBEC MISSION BAND.

This Mission Band has kindly donated \$50 to the Woman's Missionary Society.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Our Annual Report reminds us that 365 days of opportunity and privilege have again glided swiftly from us, each day bearing whatever of beauty or of blemish we have put upon it.

Notwithstanding a note of discouragement here and there, we are glad to report an "Onward march" since our last report. We are sorry to record a feature of the year's work hitherto unknown to us, that is, the loss of two Auxiliaries—Mahone Bay and Ritcey's Cove,—but we are hopeful that at least one of these will be re-organized ere long. Our Branch at present comprises twenty-six Auxiliaries and fourteen Mission Bands, seven Auxiliaries and seven Mission Bands having been added during the year.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Managers, a delegation from our Branch was appointed to the Annual Nova Scotia Conference, held in June last. The sympathy and appreciation of the Conference in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society were embodied in the following resolution:—

"That we rejoice to express and place on record our high appreciation of the importance of the work accomplished through the Woman's Missionary Society, and assure our sisters of our continued sympathy and support. We pray for the still greater success of the enterprise in which our sisters are so blessedly engaged."

"Missionary Day" on the Berwick Camp Ground has become an established institution with us; and the profit and interest of these services are becoming more and more helpful in increasing the efficiency of our work. The services this year were of more than ordinary interest; and, to say nothing of their far-reaching influences, which only He who can see the end from the beginning can truly estimate, as a direct result of our "Missionary Day," an Auxiliary, and what promises to be a flourishing Mission Band, have been organized.

While we rejoice in added numbers, and an increased income, we rejoice still more because the true missionary spirit is being more widely diffused among us; and not only have we given of our time, influence and means, but our Branch has again given consecrated lives to the work—Miss Leake and Miss Hart—both evidencing, by their glad responses to the call for more laborers, that "what things were gain to them, these they counted loss for Christ." And there are others among our number who are even now awaiting "marching orders."

In this brief retrospect of our work, we would not forget to recognize the guidance of Him, under whose banner we have toiled, and who, according to His promise, hath given us the victory.

Number of Auxiliaries	26	Increase.....	5
" Mission Bands	14	"	7
" Annual Members	601	"	153
" Life Members	41	"	9
" Mission Band Members	407	"	172
Total Income	\$2,297.22	"	\$246.10
Net	2,152.58		

MAUD WHISTON, Cor. Sec.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH
FOR 1887-88.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Members, Sept., 1887.	Number of Members, Sept., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Life Members, Sept., 1887.	Life Members, Sept., 1888.	Increase.	Number of Mission Band Members, Sept., 1888.	Total Number of Members Sept., 1887-88.	Number of Public Meetings.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
Halifax North....	41	32	9	7	8	1	45	85	2	11	16	13	
Halifax South....	50	47	3	22	25	3	49	121	3	11	19	14	
Guysboro'.....	24	22	2	1	1	1	25	48	2	11	5	13	
Windsor.....	27	33	6	1	2	1	35	35	1	12	8	13	
Musquodoboit....	20	22	2					22		12	8	12	
Horton.....	19	20	1					20	4	11	9	15	
Amherst.....	21	18	3				15	33		12	9	12	
Providence Church	22	30	8				28	58		12	16	12	
Wesley Church..	40	44	4		1		30	79		12	13	12	
Truro.....	18	21	3				17	38	3	10	8	13	
Oxford.....	30	28	2		1	1		29	1	10	15	11	
Canning.....	13	13					21	34	2	12	7	14	
Berwick.....	18	26	8		1	1	16	43	1	11	10	12	
Digby.....	10	12	2				24	36	1	10	7	11	
Auburn.....	27	26	1					26	1	12	8	13	
Parrsboro'.....	17	24	7					24	2	12	12	14	
Canso.....	29	35	6					35	2	9	10	11	
Dartmouth.....	9	20	11		2	2	10	30	2	11	7	13	
Hantsport.....	8	13	5				22	35	1	10	7	11	
*Kingston.....	17	17						17	2	10	7	12	
*Wallace.....	15	15						15	1	12	7	13	
*Londonderry....	19	19						19	1	8	10	9	
*Port Greville....	17	17					59	76		6	11	6	
*Bermuda.....	24	24						24		5	16	5	
*Wilmott.....	14	14						14		1		1	
*Wolfville.....	9	9						9		1		1	
*Acorn Miss. Band							46						
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* Organized during the year.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUXILIARIES.

44	1	Meetings.
245	13	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.
286	13	Total Number of Meetings.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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AUXILIARIES.	Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sunday-schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total Raised by Auxiliaries.	Total Received by Branch Treasurer.
Halifax North	\$43 00	\$50 00	\$215 00	\$22 41	....	\$21 87	..	\$0 50	\$44 85	\$3 00	\$400 63	\$400 63
Halifax South	45 00	100 00	211 04	11 29	....	65 64	..	2 15	75 72	21 43	532 27	532 27
Guysboro'	22 00	25 00	19 83	0 91	....	6 16	..	0 25	2 00	....	76 15	75 90
Windsor	42 00	25 00	....	3 53	....	....	..	2 70	0 75	....	73 98	73 44
Musquodoboit	13 00	....	....	....	....	5 39	..	....	4 77	18 15	41 31	41 31
Horton	20 00	....	....	9 71	\$5 35	37 90	\$1 35	0 55	1 00	20 20	76 06	75 83
Amherst	17 00	....	....	....	....	....	..	0 90	2 85	....	20 75	20 75
Providence Church, Yarmouth	30 00	....	94 89	....	27 00	....	..	0 55	....	18 35	170 79	150 00
Wesley "	38 00	25 00	3 36	....	16 00	21 44	..	1 25	....	....	105 05	104 00
Truro	23 00	....	40 00	9 03	....	....	..	0 55	....	0 64	73 22	73 22
Oxford	22 00	25 00	....	....	10 00	....	..	....	7 05	....	64 05	64 05
Canning	13 00	....	5 00	10 00	....	20 30	..	0 30	....	....	48 60	48 60
Berwick	27 00	....	10 00	4 08	....	14 70	..	0 80	3 45	7 13	67 16	61 00
Mahone Bay	10 00	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	10 00	10 00
Digby	11 00	....	4 64	....	1 75	16 25	2 00	0 45	....	....	36 09	35 72
Auburn	28 00	....	....	....	8 00	4 49	..	0 40	5 25	....	46 14	43 23
Parrsboro'	14 00	....	....	11 44	....	1 50	..	0 40	....	13 84	41 18	41 18
Dartmouth	19 00	....	9 10	10 45	....	1 52	..	0 50	....	....	40 57	40 57
Canso	11 00	....	....	30 00	....	11 00	..	....	....	12 00	64 00	62 00
Hantsport	12 00	....	4 07	3 00	....	8 00	..	0 90	....	1 47	29 44	28 64
Wallace	10 00	....	....	8 10	....	....	..	0 35	....	1 75	20 20	19 20
Kingston	17 00	....	....	6 30	....	14 43	..	0 50	....	11 00	49 23	49 23
Londonderry	9 00	....	....	....	....	....	..	0 25	....	23 22	32 47	32 47
Port Greville	7 00	....	2 16	....	....	5 86	..	0 30	....	0 50	15 82	14 12
Bermuda	24 00	....	87 16	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	111 16	110 68
Collection at Branch Meeting.	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	51 60	51 60	51 60
Total	\$527 00	\$250 00	\$706 25	\$140 25	\$68 10	\$256 45	\$3 35	\$14 55	\$147 69	\$184 28	\$2297 92	\$2259 64

Net Income, 1887-88, \$2,152 58.

MARY S. RAY, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

1887, Oct. 11th.—Balance on hand	\$75 00
Collection at Annual Meeting	51 60
Dec. 15th.—From Auxiliaries	374 04
1888, Mar. 15th.—From Auxiliaries	325 54
June 15th.—From Auxiliaries	460 03
Sept. 15th.—From Auxiliaries	1,048 33
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Less expenses	181 96
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EXPENDITURE.

1887, Oct. 12th.—Expenses of delegates to Branch Meeting	\$109 72
Secretary's expenses—postage, telegrams, stationery, etc.	13 46
Cost of Bank drafts	2 68
Postage—Treasurer	1 10
Total amount sent to Treasurer of Board	2,152 58
On hand	55 00
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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch took place in Windsor, October 4th and 5th, with forty present, including a vice-president from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, who conveyed sisterly greetings. Corresponding Secretary's report showed increase of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Treasurer's report also showed increase. A spirit of cheerful resolution pervaded the Auxiliary reports. Special attention was paid to Mission Band work.

Another from this Branch, Miss Sadie Hart, has entered the mission field. More are offering.

The evening meeting proved a success. Collection, \$17.

Officers for ensuing year :—

President	Mrs. A. S. Tuttle.
Vice-Presidents	{ " S. F. Huestis.
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HALIFAX NORTH.

Another year has rolled away with all its joys and sorrows, its sunshine and shadows, and we as an Auxiliary have come to the threshold of another year. We have held eleven meetings during the year, and two public meetings, one in Brunswick Street Church, and one in Charles Street Church. Both were very interesting. During the year death has twice entered our ranks. Our dear sister, Mrs. Webb, was called home a few months ago; and just now we have to mourn the loss of one of our life members, Mrs. Wilmot. Both sisters were much interested in our work, and we shall miss their sympathy and counsel.

HALIFAX SOUTH.

The review of the year's work gives evidence of good work done, and God's blessing on it. Our membership has suffered considerable loss by death and removal; but the cause has gained, as many of our old friends are doing good work in other Auxiliaries, and ten new names have gone far toward filling the gaps in our list. We have twenty-four life members, including four new ones this year, one of whom, Mrs. Weir, is now with her husband, engaged in missionary work in Japan. We regret that it was not possible for them to go under our own Board, but rejoice to know that such valuable workers have entered the field. In addition to the amount received by our Auxiliary, Mrs. G. H. Starr has forwarded \$50 direct, in support of a girl in the Crosby Home.

GUYSBORO'.

To one of our members during the year it has been said, "It is enough, come home." From early womanhood to an honorable old age, the life of Mrs. E. L. Cunningham was one of Christian devotion and activity, the memory of which is stimulating to those who are left to work. The few who can attend our monthly meetings look forward to them with pleasure. We find the printed letters helpful. Two public meetings were held during the year.

WINDSOR.

Our average attendance is small, but our meetings are interesting, and those who attend regularly feel more in earnest in the great work than we did one year ago. We have enjoyed the letters from our different missionaries, and the leaflets also. We find the "Missionary Leaf," which has been introduced into our Society during the year, a source of missionary intelligence, which is both pleasing and instructive. Four new members have been added during the year. We presented our President, Mrs. Rogers, with a life membership certificate.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.

Our Auxiliary is still struggling along, but our interest in the work is not the least abated. Although our income is not so large as last year, yet we are thankful for the measure of success which has been granted us.

HORTON.

Our membership has not increased as we wish it had, and yet, in looking back over the year, we feel encouraged. We have held eleven monthly and four public meetings. We feel that in doing something for our sisters, we ourselves have received a rich blessing. We have just formed a Mission Band of girls from five to fifteen years of age. They are much interested in the work.

AMHERST.

Though our membership has not been so large, our average attendance is much better. A Mission Band has been organized during the year. The *Outlook* is generally taken. Mite boxes have also been distributed. In response to the suggestion of our earnest, faithful President, a certain time has been fixed between our monthly meetings for asking a Father's blessing upon our work.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, YARMOUTH.

We can gratefully thank our Heavenly Father for another year of work for Him. In our efforts to support a Bible-woman in Japan, and a girl in the Crosby Home, during the past year, He has greatly blessed us. Praying, working, and trusting, the close of the year finds our Auxiliary with a disposition, evinced on the part of each member, to do something to bring the world to a knowledge of Him "Whom to know is life eternal.

WESLEY CHURCH, YARMOUTH.

Our Auxiliary has met regularly once a month during the year, and has a membership of forty-four. We feel a growing interest in the great cause, and trust that, in the year upon which we are about to enter, greater efforts will be put forth to help to spread the name of Jesus throughout the world. We have lost two members by removals and two by death. Our President and Literary Committee keep us well informed of the progress in the various mission fields. In the coming year we hope, by patient, persistent effort, to win many to work with us in the cause, which has been so greatly blessed by our Master.

TRURO.

In presenting our report for the past year, we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the guidance and help He has vouchsafed to us. Our Auxiliary is in a flourishing condition. The missionary spirit is cherished by our members, and our earnest prayer is that the true missionary zeal may remain with us. A few names are discontinued, but new members have joined, so that we have a small increase. The monthly and quarterly meetings have been profitable, and the means of strengthening our hands.

OXFORD.

We have to report a decrease in the membership of our Auxiliary, through death and removal. We are encouraged, however, as the amount raised exceeds that of last year. Our first public meeting was held in April, and was a success. We are hoping for better and more successful work in the year which lies before us.

CANNING.

Bright days are beginning to dawn upon our Auxiliary, and we joyfully report an increase of \$35 over last year. In June we organized "The Light Bearers" Mission Band, and have the names of twenty boys and girls enrolled as members. Two public meetings have been held, and though our audiences are painful reminders of the lack of interest in mission work, still we are not discouraged, knowing that our work is the Lord's, and He will prosper it.

BERWICK.

Looking back over the year, we can note some progress; small it may be, but we remember our Lord once said, "She hath done what she could." During the year our membership has increased from eighteen to twenty-six. A Mission Band has been organized, with sixteen members. The Master has honored us

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in the call of one of our members, Miss Hart, to the work of assisting Miss Knight in the Crosby Home. On learning of some of the wants of the Home, our Auxiliary responded by sending a box of useful articles. We trust that in the coming year our prayers will be more earnest, our faith stronger, and our endeavors greater.

DIGBY.

We are glad to report that our membership roll is larger than last year, and our monthly gatherings always inspiring us with greater love for the cause of missions. There is one beautiful feature about our work, we "pray and labor," each member praying daily for the cause, especially for our little Indian girl, for whose maintenance we are responsible. We pray that the Master will own and bless our work, and with His blessing small efforts accomplish great things.

AYLESFORD.

We come to the close of another year with hope and thankfulness, yet feeling the need of increased earnestness on the part of all. Our monthly meetings are regularly held, and quite well attended. Missionary letters have been received with interest, also leaflets. The *Outlook* is taken by most of our members. We go forward to another year of work, hoping to increase the interest in our cause, and thus hastening the time when "Jesus shall have the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

PARRSBORO'.

We cannot report as much enthusiasm in the missionary cause as we would like, yet feel that God is blessing our efforts as an Auxiliary, and are encouraged to hope for greater success in the future. We have added six new names to our list of members, making in all twenty-four. We have held two public meetings, and have generally had a very good attendance at our monthly meetings, which have been held regularly.

CANSO.

During the past year the attendance at the monthly meetings has not been all that could be desired, but we are glad to report five new members, and an increased interest taken in our public meetings, which have been held semi-annually.

DARTMOUTH.

The report from our Auxiliary is not all we would like, and yet we have no reason for discouragement. During the year we have added five members to our number. A Mission Band has been founded which, we trust, will be made a blessing to our children, awakening in their hearts a love for the Saviour, and teaching them to deny themselves for His sake. Our monthly meetings have been seasons of spiritual profit; and two public meetings have been held with, we trust, good results.

HANTSPORT.

In looking over the past year we have great reason to thank God for all the way over which His loving hand has guided us. We are much encouraged in our work. Though we have lost some members by removal, yet our membership has increased. Owing to circumstances beyond our control, we have had but one public meeting during the year. Our monthly meetings are still blessed by the presence of the Master, and we feel assured that He who has begun the good work in our midst, will carry it on to His own honor and glory.

KINGSTON.

We are just one year old, and are glad to report a deepening interest in our work. At our last meeting one of our members said she was just beginning to see her responsibility in the work. Owing to our members being scattered, the attendance at our monthly meetings is small. Eager attention is given to the letters from our missionaries, and we are beginning to feel quite well acquainted with the writers. During the last quarter, we have been successful in introducing mite boxes. We pray that God will bless our efforts, and that the interest in our work will spread.

LONDONDERRY.

Our Auxiliary has been organized nine months. We have added three names to our membership since organization. Our monthly meetings have not been so largely attended as we would wish, but we are thankful to be able to report a growing interest among our members. As our knowledge of missions increases, so our interest in the work increases. We trust there has been good work done for the Master in our own souls. We go forward to the work of the coming year, trusting in God for renewed strength.

WALLACE.

In looking back over the year that has passed, though we see many wasted opportunities and misspent hours, we are thankful that, in our monthly meetings, we have been constantly reminded of the value of our time and money. We feel that we have done but little for the Master during the year, but, "forgetting the things that are behind," we mean to press onward. We are glad to report an increase of seven in our membership.

BERMUDA.

This Auxiliary has only been in existence five months, so we are not able to report much progress. Owing to a feeling of inefficiency, we have not yet held any public meetings. We hope to distribute quite a number of mite boxes, when we receive them. Our monthly meetings have not been as well attended as we would desire, but we felt more encouraged at our last meeting by a larger number, and increased interest shown in our work. We have nine subscribers to the *Outlook*, which, with the letters and leaflets received, are highly appreciated. We enter upon the coming year with the earnest hope that our future efforts may prove more successful.

PORT GREVILLE.

Our Auxiliary was organized April, 1888. On July 10th, we organized a Mission Band, "The Cheerful Workers." At the first meeting fifteen names were enrolled. The Band meetings were held weekly during the holiday season, but since the re-opening of the public schools, the meetings have been held fortnightly. At our last meeting, our Mission Band members numbered fifty-nine.

WILMOT.

On Tuesday, August 14th, the Wilmot Auxiliary was organized. The roll of membership was signed by fourteen ladies, the officers duly elected, and the regular time of meeting appointed. There is much interest manifested by all members in this work, and we trust that there will be many added to our number during the coming year.

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WOLFFVILLE.

Wolffville Auxiliary held its first meeting September 12th, 1888. Besides the officers, there were only three names enrolled; but, as the work goes on, we hope for an increased membership. Letters from the different mission fields are particularly appreciated by our members.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF MISSION BANDS.

REAPERS.

At the close of another year, we look back upon our past efforts in the missionary cause, and thank God that we have been able to do a little to help on the glorious work of extending Christ's kingdom on earth. The work has been a source of pleasure and profit to us, and our only regret is that we could not do more. Last November we organized a juvenile band, consisting of boys and girls from our Sunday-school. The "Gleaners" meet fortnightly, and elect officers twice a year, as it was thought the interest would thus be better sustained. There were thirteen names enrolled at first, and at each meeting new names have been added, until the "Gleaners" now number fifty.

CORALLINE BAND.

In presenting our Fourth Annual Report, we cannot but feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and strength during the past year. Our monthly meetings have been fairly well attended. A branch of the Coralline was formed in connection with Robie Street Church, with nine members. Our Juvenile Band has helped us in increasing our funds. We can report an increase of seventeen in our membership.

CHEERFUL GIVERS.

Interesting fortnightly meetings are held by our Band. Six new members have been added during the year.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

We held an entertainment in March, which was a grand success. The funds realized were divided among our members for their mite boxes. The illness of some of our working members prevented us having our usual anniversary. We raise our money in various ways. Some of the boys hauled chips last winter; one little one brought the wood; one little girl drops a cent in her box when relieved from anything perplexing; another, a little daughter of one of our best families, blacks boots for her younger brothers and sisters. May all our efforts be blessed of Him who acknowledges the mites.

EARNEST GLEANERS.

Our Band now numbers twenty-eight, between the ages of six and fourteen years. Our work is a great source of pleasure to us, and much interest has been manifested in the girl whom we are endeavoring to maintain in the Crosby Home. An interesting letter from Miss Hart, giving an account of the Home and our girl, was received with eagerness and delight. Regular monthly meetings have been held during the year. We have adopted the Children's Missionary Leaf, and find it a great help in our work of interesting the little ones. May the Lord continue to bless us in the future as in the past.

HAPPY THOUGHT.

We regret that our Annual Report is not more encouraging. We have to report a decreased membership, owing to the removal of five and absence of others. Our monthly meetings have been sustained throughout the year. An entertainment was given during the summer months, and mite boxes have been distributed with fair results. The outlook for the coming year is more promising, and we hope a larger measure of success may crown our efforts.

FIRST METHODIST BAND.

Our Band was organized in October, 1886, with a membership of fourteen, all, with the exception of the officers, under thirteen years of age. Our plan of work has been weekly sewing meetings. These meetings are opened with singing and prayer, followed by the recitation of passages of Scripture by the children. Sometimes a short story is read by an officer of the Band while the children are at work. During the year, by means of a fancy sale and Christmas-tree, we raised \$40. Our meetings have been discontinued for a time, but we hope to resume them again in October with renewed interest and increased membership. We pray that God's blessing may rest upon all future efforts.

WILLING HELPERS.

Our Band was organized March 10th, 1888, with twenty-two members. Our monthly meetings are well attended and are very interesting. We hope that they may be the means, not only of raising money to help to carry the Gospel to those who "sit in darkness," but also that through them our own young people may be led to give themselves to the Saviour.

ACORN MISSION BAND.

We are very thankful to report the success of our Band during the year which just closes. Our membership has steadily increased from fifteen to forty-six, including two honorary members, who take a deep interest in all our work. Our sympathies have been drawn toward our Indian work, and the boys and girls of Morley seem like our own. It has been our special work to raise funds for the McDougall Orphanage. We find the mite boxes a most helpful way of raising money, giving each member an opportunity of doing a share. We have had kindly help and cheer from friends at a distance—the "Reapers" of Halifax, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, of Toronto, and others. Our Branch was presented with a beautiful motto, the gift of a few friends in Canada. Its text, "Serve the Lord with gladness," we try to make our watchword and inspiration.

WILLING WORKERS (RECENTLY ORGANIZED).

We organized our Band with twenty-eight members. We have hardly got our plan of work arranged yet, but think of holding a public meeting once a quarter, and asking for a collection to aid our funds. The youngest member of our Band, a little girl of seven years, asked to name the Band "Willing Workers," so we have taken that name for the present, and all seem to enter into the spirit of it.

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BAND.	AUXILIARY.	Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Juvenile Bands.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total.
Reapers	Halifax North	\$8 75	\$25 00	\$60 58	\$64 78	\$55 89	.....	.....	\$215 00
Coralline	Halifax South	5 75	.....	14 96	134 44	31 13	\$7 50	\$17 25	211 03
Cheerful Givers	Guysboro'	6 00	.....	.....	10 00	4 23	1 00	.....	21 23
Christian Workers	Digby .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 64
Earnest Gleaners	Yarmouth South .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 89
Happy Thought	Yarmouth North .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 36
First Methodist	Truro .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Yellow Rose	Berwick .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Willing Helpers	Hantsport .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 07
Buds of Promise	Dartmouth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 10
Light Bearers	Canning .....	.....	.....	.....	34 51	40 11	6 41	.....	5 00
Acorn	Bermuda	8 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 73
Port Greville	Port Greville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10
Willing Workers	Wilmot .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	\$29 20	\$25 00	\$75 54	\$243 73	\$131 36	\$14 91	\$17 25	\$710 15

Owing to incomplete reports, a full tabulated statement cannot be given.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

We are happy, like Caleb and Joshua, to be able to bring a good report of the land. There may have been some tall sons of Anak, but He that was with us was more than all they that were against us.

We must mention an increase not only in membership and funds, but in knowledge, and love, and enthusiasm.

What hath God wrought? We crossed the threshold of this year a little band of seven Auxiliaries, and three Mission Bands; we make our exit a goodly company of twenty-eight Auxiliaries, and eight Mission Bands.

The new Bands are the Hiraiwa, of Centenary, St. John; Wesley, of Charlottetown; Ready Helpers, of Sackville; L. A. Wilmot, of Fredericton, and Perseverance, of Bedeque. The twenty new Auxiliaries are, Queen Square, St. John; Portland, St. John; Pointe de Bute, Richmond, Fredericton, Woodstock, Marysville, Moncton, Baie Verte, Hampton, Campbellton, Hillsboro', Albert, Bloomfield, Centreville, Gagetown, Sheffield, Pownal, Margate, and Coot Hill. Summerside has re-organized. Here we have shown the power of this missionary Gospel upon the home side of the work. The dead have been brought to life, and we trust this Auxiliary will have given to it a large increase of that most essential grace of continuance.

It gives us real pleasure to record the increased number of intelligent and consecrated women who have joined our ranks during the year; yet we can hardly speak of a general interest, when seven-eighths of our Christian women have not awakened sufficiently to inquire, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" We are correct in saying that this body of disciples is slumbering quite soundly, but we do pray that to this sleeping host, as to Paul, a vision shall come, so vivid, that they too will go immediately into Macedonia, "assuredly gathering that the Lord hath called them,"

Our delegate to Conference was graciously received, and very much cheered by the almost universal assurance of assistance in forming Auxiliaries on the different charges. The resolution of this body, which was unanimously adopted, covers our largest expectations, and leaves nothing to be desired. It was thus:—

Resolved, "That the Conference, having listened with great pleasure to the address of the delegate of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, desires through her to assure the Society of its great interest in its work, and trusts that Auxiliaries of the Society may soon be formed on all the circuits of our Conference."

We will present our ideal Branch report, when every one of the 6,000 women communing at our altars in lowly reverence, vowing to live after the commands of God, shall realize, as she does not yet, that the command of our Saviour, "to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," is not a dead letter upon the statute-book of our King, but is binding upon us individually to-day, and will be so long as one for whom Christ died is without the knowledge of this great salvation. "If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed."

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Number of Annual Members 1886-87	219	
" " " 1887-88	668	
Increase		449
Number of Life Members 1886-87	3	
" " " 1887-88	15	
Increase		12
Number of Mission Band Members 1886-87	58	
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Increase		135
Total Number of Members	867	
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Greene	100	100
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Hancock	100	100
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Jefferson	100	100
Lawrence	100	100
Madison	100	100
Monroe	100	100
Nichols	100	100
Putnam	100	100
Rockwell	100	100
St. Lawrence	100	100
Tioga	100	100
Warren	100	100
Westchester	100	100
Woodbury	100	100
Yates	100	100
Total	1000	1000

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sabbath-schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total Raised by Auxiliaries.	Total Raised by Branch Treasurer.
Centenary	\$82 00	\$50 00	\$91 06	\$32 79	....	\$7 94	..	\$1 20	\$27 70	....	\$292 69	\$289 36
Queen's Square	36 00	....	....	20 40	....	....	..	0 90	1 50	\$0 48	59 28	58 24
Richmond	26 00	....	....	41 20	\$39 00	....	..	0 60	....	4 40	111 20	100 00
Sackville	35 00	25 00	16 22	9 50	....	15 82	..	1 00	9 00	....	111 44	106 47
Point de Bute	19 00	....	....	7 48	....	3 00	..	0 90	....	....	30 38	30 04
St. Stephens	47 50	25 00	....	10 40	13 00	....	..	0 30	....	0 58	96 78	95 60
Fredericton	25 40	....	8 58	....	21 45	4 69	\$8 72	1 70	1 00	8 67	80 21	73 20
Charlottetown	44 00	100 00	10 00	19 95	....	23 05	..	0 89	63 00	0 90	261 79	260 55
Bedeque	28 00	50 00	3 50	12 00	....	11 78	..	1 80	54 84	....	161 93	161 92
Tryon	21 75	....	....	....	17 00	....	..	1 10	9 05	....	48 90	48 90
Woodstock	27 80	25 00	....	9 80	15 00	3 13	..	0 35	....	3 00	84 08	83 58
Summerside	13 05	....	....	....	....	0 70	..	0 30	2 50	....	16 55	16 50
Marysville .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	18 50	18 50	18 50
Moncton	18 75	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	18 75	17 42
Baie Verte	19 75	....	....	6 06	....	....	..	....	....	....	25 81	25 50
Portland	17 80	....	....	15 76	....	....	..	0 50	3 25	0 35	37 66	31 81
Gagetown	3 75	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	3 77	....	7 52	6 67
Albert	4 40	....	....	2 79	....	....	..	....	0 07	....	7 26	7 18
Cornwall	26 00	....	....	....	30 85	....	..	0 75	....	....	57 60	57 35
Hampton	4 50	....	....	4 59	....	....	..	....	....	....	9 09	8 94
Hillsboro'	2 25	....	....	4 02	....	....	..	....	....	....	6 27	5 77

Margate	8 25	25 00	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	33 25	32 95
Pownal	2 34	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	2 34	2 34
Bloomfield	4 75	....	....	....	....	....	..	0 25	0 64	....	5 64	5 00
Sheffield	3 50	3 24	6 74	6 74
Campbellton	3 25	0 11	3 36	3 36
Mount Allison Band	36 11	36 11	36 11
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Branch Collection									10 00		10 00	
Mrs. Rev. A. Lucas, Sussex												
Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Titusville.									6 00		6 00	
Upham												
Total	\$524 79	\$300 00	\$165 37	\$218 59	\$136 30	\$72 43	\$8 72	\$12 29	\$220 04	\$43 30	\$1701 83	\$1660 71

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Members,		Increase.	Decrease.	Number of Life Members,		Increase.	Number of Mission Band Members, 1887.		Increase.	Total Number of Members, Sept. 15th, 1888.	Number of Public Meetings.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
	Sept. 15th, 1887.	Sept. 15th, 1888.			Sept. 15th, 1887.	Sept. 15th, 1888.		Number of Mission Band Members, 1887.	Number of Mission Band Members, 1888.						
St. Stephen	53	46	..	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	47	7	10	12	17
Charlottetown	35	39	4	..	3	7	4	..	30	30	76	2	12	10	14
Bedeque	26	30	4	..	..	2	2	..	18	18	50	1	11	12	12
Sackville	20	35	15	..	..	1	1	..	21	21	57	1	12	12	13
Tryon	15	23	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1	5	5	6
Cornwall	24	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	3	..	3
Centenary, St. John	46	76	30	..	..	2	2	..	55	55	133	1	11	23	12
Queen Square, St. John	..	36	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	1	9	16	10
Portland, St. John	..	38	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	1	7	12	8
Pointe de Bute	..	24	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	12	10	13
Richmond	..	26	26	26	4	6	17	10
Fredericton	..	28	28	41	41	69	1	12	18	13
Woodstock	..	32	32	1	1	33	4	9	13	13
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Summerside	..	23	23	23	..	7	11	7
Moncton	..	25	25	25	..	5	13	5
Baie Verte	..	26	26	26	1	5	12	6
Hampton	..	24	24	24	1	4	22	5
Campbellton	..	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	4	8	4
Hillsboro'	..	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	3	6	4
Albert	..	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	4	7	5
Bloomfield, Carleton Co.	..	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	3	10	3
*Centreville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gagetown	..	15	15	15	..	2	9	2
Sheffield	..	12	12	12	..	3	8	3
Pownal	..	19	19	19	..	2	10	2
Margate	..	15	15	1	1	16	..	1	10	1
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MISSION BANDS.															
Mount Allison	28	28	..	28	..	9	..	9
*St. Croix
†Wesley
†Hiraiwa
†Ready Helpers
†L. A. Wilmot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
†Perseverance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Earnest Workers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	219	668	456	7	3	15	12	28	193	165	876	29	171	279	200

* No report. † Reported above.

THIRD ANNUAL

The Third Annual Island Branch was held and session was preceded by a blessedly present.

The President's Address "A deeply interesting study of the various Societies?" was read by the Address and these were followed by a missionary paper for the Part of one session.

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called to pass through many months of severe family affliction, followed by bereavement. Our hearts were greatly cheered by the receipt of two donations of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) each from friends outside our Society, which we take as a proof that the interest in our work is increasing. We have an addition of four life members. Receipts, \$261.79.

WESLEY MISSION BAND.

The Wesley Mission Band was organized November 4th, 1887, with eleven members. The membership has since increased to thirty-four. During the winter, meetings were held regularly for sewing, and were made interesting by the reading of missionary letters, etc. A social was held May 1st, at which the sum of \$20 was realized. A greater part of this was spent in purchasing material for work, the object being to hold a fancy sale in the autumn. There is a deep interest taken in the work, and we hope to do much more in the cause during the coming year. Amount forwarded to Treasurer, \$10.

BEDEQUE.

To this Auxiliary, the year just closing has been one of encouraging prosperity. We feel that we have every reason to thank God and take courage. We are glad to report an increase in membership, also two life members. Our funds are largely in advance of last year. Our meetings have been held regularly throughout the year, and have been very interesting and profitable. They have also been the means of quickening our missionary spirit. Our mite boxes have added a nice little sum to our treasury. A special effort on behalf of the Chinese Girls' Home was made by some of our ladies, and as a result, our Treasurer forwarded \$20 to Branch Treasurer for that object. Our one great desire is that all our sisters on this circuit may feel a deeper interest in the Woman's Missionary Society, and the great good which, through its instrumentality, is being accomplished, that we may all have some part in that immortal song which shall proclaim the redemption of the world to Christ.

BEDEQUE MISSION BAND.

This Mission Band was organized early in the summer by Mrs. Turner, the energetic and untiring President of the Bedeque Auxiliary. We are thankful for what, with God's blessing, we have accomplished, but by no means satisfied. We regret that the interest in this good work is not more general among the members of our Church and congregation.

SACKVILLE.

The past year has, we believe, been noted for some progress in our work. Our membership shows a good increase, and we are glad to report one life member. Several mite boxes have been distributed, and these, with donations, have served to give us a good help financially. The *Outlook* has been introduced into several new homes, and we hope in this way to enlist new members into our ranks. Our monthly meetings have been held more regularly, and with better attendance than ever before. One public meeting was held, and it was a decided success. We were gratified to have Miss Palmer with us, and to be strengthened by her enthusiastic appeal to women. We hope for renewed zeal in the approaching Branch meeting, and trust our Auxiliaries will enter upon the new year with fresh determination to work heartily for the Master.

READY HELPERS' MISSION BAND.

On November 20th, 1887, this Mission Band was formed. We took for our motto, "Behold, Thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the King shall choose." We have endeavored to increase our funds by doing needle-

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TRYON.

Owing to the members of our Auxiliary being scattered over a country district, we have been able to have but five meetings during the year. And though we have increased somewhat in membership, as well as in finances, yet we are praying for and expecting greater results during the coming year. We enjoy the leaflets and monthly letters, and intend having the *Outlook* in our Auxiliary this year. Our prayer is that the same spirit of earnestness which our Saviour manifested while here amongst men, may possess our souls as we engage in this great work.

CORNWALL.

We are glad to report a growing interest in this great work. The members of the Auxiliary have been active throughout the year in endeavoring to increase the membership, and have succeeded by twice uniting with us. We held an apron fair in July, which was very successful, realizing \$30.40. We miss from our circle our esteemed sisters, Miss Minnie Mayhew and Mrs. Lemuel Hyde, willing workers, who laid down the cross to obtain the crown that fadeth not away.

CENTENARY, ST. JOHN.

The review of the work done by our Auxiliary is most encouraging. In January, instead of our usual monthly meeting, we held a prayer service on the day set apart for missions by the "Evangelical Alliance." Queen's Square Auxiliary united with us, and it was a season of spiritual power and refreshment. We are sorry we can only report one public meeting, but the special services during the winter months, and the absence of people from the city in the summer, made further effort in that direction impossible. We are extremely pleased to be able to report two life members, and we take this as a promise of good things to come. With this retrospect of our work, we feel stimulated to more earnest endeavor and renewed consecration.

HIRAIWA MISSION BAND.

The Hiraiwa Mission Band in connection with Centenary Auxiliary reports favorably for the year just closed. It was formed November 14th, 1887. During the nine months of its existence, the membership has increased to fifty-five. In addition to this there is an honorary membership of fifty-nine. There were three socials held during the year, which tended to materially increase the funds. Receipts for the nine months, \$91.06.

QUEEN'S SQUARE, ST. JOHN.

We are thankful for the measure of success with which we have met, but are trusting for increased membership and contributions for the coming year. Owing to the change of ministers, we have lost our energetic and persevering President, to whom the growth of our Auxiliary is largely due. We know that wherever she is placed her influence will be strongly exerted in the cause of the Woman's Missionary Society.

PORTLAND, ST. JOHN.

In looking over the past few months, we have much cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity of our little Society. Commencing under much discouragement, our nine members have grown to thirty-eight since

February. Our success is mainly due to the untiring efforts of our respected President, who has the work truly at heart, and we might say that our members have caught some of her zeal. Our monthly meetings have been well attended, and each member has done what she could to make them profitable and attractive. Our finances are in fairly good condition, considering the short time since our organization.

POINT DE BUTE.

This Auxiliary was organized September 15th, 1887. We now number twenty members, but hope to add many more during the coming year, as the interest is undoubtedly growing stronger, and our members have many of them, especially during the last year, been looking more and more unto Him whose glory shall cover the whole earth.

RICHMOND.

In looking back over the year, we feel greatly encouraged in this labor of love for the Master. Our Society is not yet two years old, and this year we have doubled the receipts of last year. We are not able to meet regularly in winter on account of storms and bad roads—our members living as far as four miles from the place of meeting. Still, notwithstanding this difficulty, we are determined to work on, resting in the promise of Christ: "Lo I am with you always."

FREDERICTON.

We were organized last October, and our members have increased to twenty-eight. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly. During the year we had one entertainment, netting \$22; and we held the prayer-meeting in unison with the other Auxiliaries, the first Friday in the new year. We were much encouraged by the L. A. Wilmot Mission Band, which has been in existence some years, uniting with us. It is our melancholy duty to record the death of two of our members—but our loss is their gain.

L. A. WILMOT MISSION BAND.

The L. A. Wilmot Mission Band was organized in 1884, but did not connect with the Woman's Missionary Society until 1888. We have at present a membership of forty-one, of whom twelve are honorary members. Missionary letters are read at our monthly meetings, and we feel that as our knowledge of the great work increases, so does our interest.

WOODSTOCK.

This Auxiliary was organized in November, 1887, and there is now a membership of thirty-two, and one life member. Public meetings and an entertainment have been held during the year, and the Society has realized about \$80 since its organization. The interest in the work is not so intense as it might be, but under our enthusiastic President, Mrs. J. T. Smith, we hope, with Divine guidance, to accomplish much more in the coming year than during the past months.

SUMMERSIDE.

This Society was re-organized February 22nd, 1888, with but seven members. At nearly every meeting there has been an increase, till now we number twenty-three. Our attendance has been fair, still we could wish for more missionary zeal. While trying to help others, we feel that we ourselves have received a blessing; and we trust that in the coming year more interest will be manifested in the work.

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The meetings of our Society have been very well attended, and quite interesting. Missionary literature has been distributed, and the pamphlet on "Giving" discussed. We have in circulation eight copies of the *Outlook*, the *Missionary Review*, and the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. At our last meetings a little longer time has been spent in prayer, and we hazard the thought that a much longer time might be so spent with profit to the heathen at home, if no good came to them abroad as a sequence. Our ideal of a missionary society has not been approached, thinking, as we do, that all the women in our Church might therein find a bond of union, being drawn thereby nearer to each other, and to their common Friend and Saviour.

BAIE VERTE.

Five months have just elapsed since Miss Palmer inaugurated this Auxiliary. One public and five monthly meetings have been held. Our members number twenty-six. Amount remitted to Branch Treasurer, \$25.50.

HAMPTON.

We have only been at work one quarter, our Auxiliary being organized in May, by Mrs. McMichael and Miss Palmer. Beginning with twenty members, we have increased to twenty-four. We have done nothing yet toward raising funds, outside members' fees, but mite boxes are ordered for next year, and we mean to have a public meeting as soon as possible. Our monthly meetings have been interesting and profitable, and we are hopefully looking forward to next year.

CAMPBELLTON.

Campbellton Auxiliary was organized May 27, with ten members. We now number fourteen, and take twelve copies of the *Outlook*. We intend very soon to have a public meeting, and hope thereby to awaken an interest in more of our Christian women. We pray that more may be aroused to see their responsibility in this year's work.

HILLSBORO'.

Our Auxiliary was organized in June, 1888. We have now a membership of nine. As yet we feel like babes in the work, but trust that we will grow in strength as we grow in years; and as God's loving eye and guiding hand are over all His children, we feel that He will be with us, and assist us in this noble work.

ALBERT.

This Society was organized in June, 1888, and since then our worthy Vice-President has been called from among us to join the redeemed around our Father's throne. It seems hard to keep up the interest, there are so few; and there seems to be so much else to attend to, but, with God's help, we will do the best we can. We have all subscribed for the *Outlook*.

BLOOMFIELD.

It has only been three months since this Auxiliary was organized, with a membership of seventeen; since then two more have been added. The *Outlook* is much prized, and we look forward with hope and courage to the future.

GAGETOWN.

Gagetown Auxiliary was organized June 24, 1888, with a membership of fourteen. The number is being added to, and a great interest in the work seems awakening.

SHEFFIELD.

Sheffield Auxiliary was formed July 25, 1888. Three meetings have been held since the Society was organized.

POWNALE.

The formation of our Auxiliary is due largely to the efforts of Mrs. Johnson, of Charlottetown, by whom it was organized, July 30, 1888. At the first meeting sixteen names were enrolled, which number was increased to nineteen at the second meeting. A good share of interest is evinced, and, best of all, we are confident that we are engaged in an undertaking which must meet with Divine approval.

MARGATE.

After two preliminary meetings, held during August, at which some encouragement was manifested, an organization was finally effected on 7th September. It is not quite fair to our Auxiliary to make any report for the last year, as it was in existence only eight days before the year closed; but we have concluded to announce our formation, and remit what funds we have. We hope to live, and grow, and do good work for the cause we are organized to promote.

MOUNT ALLISON MISSION BAND.

Three years ago our Band was organized, in connection with the Sackville Auxiliary. This year it was thought better for us to labor apart from the Auxiliary, in immediate connection with the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. We also changed the name from Excelsior to Mount Allison. During the year our meetings have been well attended, and the interest has been constantly increasing. We have used the mite boxes with good results, and, as an additional means of raising money, we have held weekly sewing meetings. Membership, twenty-eight; amount raised, \$36.11.

SEPARATE AUXILIARIES.

ST. JOHN'S EAST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Although our membership is not so large as last year, owing to so many families leaving Newfoundland, we have had new members, and very interesting meetings. We held our Annual Meeting last Monday week, when we had three new members' names to begin the year. Our monthly meetings are growing more interesting, and I think we are all feeling how we can make them still more attractive. The leaflets sent are much appreciated by us all. The Mission Bands are working well. They are delighted that their girl, O Yo Sau, has been converted. They have received a report of her standing in school, and find it very good.

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ST. JOHN'S WEST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We are glad to be able to say that our meetings have been held regularly, and a slight average increase in attendance. We have to report a decrease in members, but a slight increase in funds. We are all much interested in Miss Koto Kakuda, our Japanese pupil, and take great pleasure in raising the necessary money for her.

WINNIPEG.

For several reasons there has not been so great an interest taken in our monthly meetings for the past year as we would like to have seen, still there have been a few who have been faithful in their attendance, and have done what they could to assist in the work. It is also a matter of regret that our funds fall short of what has been contributed in previous years, the Treasurer's report showing the total amount raised to be \$60.50. We have one additional life member to report, and an annual membership of thirty-three. In December last a box of clothing was sent out to the mission at Beren's River, to be distributed amongst the Indians there. Since our last annual report, two of our members have been called home to dwell in that "house of many mansions," both having left behind the memory of a loving, Christian character in the hearts of their fellow-workers. At our meetings from time to time, very interesting letters have been had from Rev. John McLean, of Fort McLeod, and Rev. John McDougall, of Morley, and other missionaries established in our own land. These seem to appeal to our hearts for sympathy, perhaps in a stronger degree than those in more distant fields of labor, especially as we sometimes see them, or hear more directly from them. Ever since the visit of Miss Cartmell in our midst, great interest has been taken in the school-work at Tokyo. We now trust in our little Band to achieve a greater success in the year now opening up before us.

QU'APPELLE DISTRICT, N.W.T.

This Society was organized in June, 1887, and the time intervening between that and September, 1888 is counted but as one year, so that the fees having been reported twelve months ago, the funds on hand now seem rather insignificant. Several have removed their residences, thus reducing our number, one returning to Moosejaw to organize an Auxiliary there.

VICTORIA, B.C.

The Society was organized in January, 1888, with the usual number of officers, and three members, since which time we have held our monthly meetings regularly on the first Tuesday in the month, and five more ladies and three gentlemen have become members, making sixteen. Letters have been read from Mrs. Findlay and Miss Chown, and leaflets have been read and enjoyed, that the Woman's Missionary Society has sent us. One dozen Annual Reports of the Woman's Missionary Society were received and acknowledged. Mr. Hiraiwa, while here, lectured under the auspices of the Auxiliary.

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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, and auxiliary societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ART. V.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1.—The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consist-

ing of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each branch, and delegates from each branch in the proportion of one to every hundred members, 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. Said Board shall meet annually or oftener, at such time and place as it shall annually determine. The President of each branch is by virtue of her office a Vice-President of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 2.—That the Officers of the Board of Managers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, these to be elected at the annual meeting of the Board.

SEC. 3.—To transact business during the year, the Officers of the Board of Managers with the President and Corresponding Secretary of each branch shall *ex officio* form an Executive Committee, five of whom shall form a quorum.

SEC. 4.—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, 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 amounts to be raised, employing suitable missionaries, as the work may require, designating their fields of labor, and examining the reports of those employed. (2) To appoint a committee to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of this Society. (3) 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, Treasurer, and an Auditor. 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.

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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 present to 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.

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 each branch delegation, 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.

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 previous year.

Number of Auxiliaries present year.

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Decrease.

Number of Life Members previous year.

Number of Life Members present year.

Increase.

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2. Each Branch Treasurer shall furnish the Corresponding Secretary an annual report, in schedule form, of moneys received by her quarterly, and the sources of income.

3. The General Treasurer shall publish each quarter, in the *Outlook*, the moneys received by her.

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ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE ——— AUXILIARY TO 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 and Board of Management. 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 from among the members at the Annual Meeting.

ART. V.—COMMITTEE.

A Committee of —— ladies shall be appointed annually, who, with the Officers, 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 and Committee elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as may tend to promote the objects of the Society.

ART. VII.—FUNDS.

The funds of this Society shall be derived from membership fees, the proceeds of missionary socials, sewing circles, or the like, and from voluntary donations by friends.

ART. VIII.—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 Central Board of Management 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 drafts 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.

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4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch the number of members, 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 meeting 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.

8. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, it must be filled by the appointment of the Committee until the next Annual Meeting.

9. Each lady connected with this Society 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 special interests.

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 in the proportion of one for every Auxiliary numbering twenty-five or under, and two for every Auxiliary numbering fifty or more.

11. A lady shall be appointed in each Auxiliary to obtain subscribers for the *Outlook*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes.
3. Report of Treasurer in writing.
4. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
5. Reports from members of what they have done for the good of the Society during the past month.
6. Unfinished Business and Enrolment of New Members.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

MISSION 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 Band Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the church in which it is found, or to the Branch in whose territory it is.
2. Any one may become a member of the Mission Band by the annual payment of twenty-five cents, and may become a life member thereof by the payment of five dollars.
3. The Officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.
4. 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.
5. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and make an annual report to the Missionary Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Branch in whose bounds it is.
6. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary or the Branch in which the Band is formed.
7. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.
8. Any Mission Band numbering forty members or over shall be entitled to one representative at 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.



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1. A Missionary Society shall be organized for the work of a territory, and shall be actuated only by the love of God.
2. She must be a Christian, and must be of Christian usefulness.
3. She must be a young woman, and must work the service of the Lord for the space of these years.
4. She must be a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and she must also be a member of the church to which preference is given.
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REQUIREMENTS FOR 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, and we regard some experience in teaching and a knowledge of medicine and nursing as desirable qualifications.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two 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.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions.

8. Resolved, "That every missionary candidate be required to sign the following contract:"

1st. I, _____, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

2nd. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee.

QUESTIONS TO MISSIONARY APPLICANTS.

CANDIDATES

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign 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 any experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?
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 a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?
8. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

