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Field Notes.

REPORTS are being sent out by express as quickly as possible to all circuits that can be reached in that way; all others by mail. Superintendents who fail to receive their parcels will kindly notify the Mission Rooms of the fact.

THE General Secretary, after a long and prosperous though fatiguing journey, arrived home on the morning of the 20th ult., and left again the same day for Montreal, where he laid the corner-stone of the new French Institute on the 22nd. While in Vancouver, B.C., he had the pleasure of laying the corner-stone of a new Methodist church, which, when completed, will be an ornament to the place and a credit to the denomination. The building is to be of wood, on a stone foundation, and will cost not far from \$10,000.

WE regret to learn that death has again visited the house of the Rev. A. E. Green, our missionary on the Naas River, B.C. A little over a year ago Brother and Sister Green parted with a winsome little fellow of some two years of age, and on the 4th of October, Bertie, their second son, died of disease resulting from scarlet fever, from which he suffered a year ago. At this time especially Bro. Green and his wife need the sympathy and prayers of the Church that God would abundantly fulfil His promise "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

TORONTO has been favored with a visit from the Rev. Wm. Burgess and wife, of the English Wesleyan Conference, who are *en route* for India. Mr. Burgess is Superintendent of Missions in Southern India. He and his wife have spoken in a number of our churches, and those who have been privileged to hear them have been both interested and profited. That a grand and permanent work is being done by the Methodist missionaries in India cannot be doubted. A thousand may be born in a day, but unless the new converts are taken and nurtured with care and wisdom, how can they be expected to glorify God by a godly walk and conversation? Our Heavenly Father took centuries of time, object-lesson after object-lesson, precept upon precept, to educate Israel up to the dimest perception of

His justice, holiness and love; and we must follow our great example, resting upon the convincing power of the Holy Ghost, if we would lift the pagan out of his darkness and superstition. Encouraging accounts were given of the school and Zenana work. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess left on the 30th ult. by the C. P. R., intending to visit Yokohama and Tôkyô, Japan, on the way. May their journey be pleasant and safe to the end, and may they find that their work has prospered during their absence.

AN account of the laying of the corner-stone of the new French Institute at Côte St. Antoine, in the suburbs of Montreal, by the General Secretary, will be found on another page. We hope to have a cut of the Institute for a future number of the OUTLOOK. The building will accommodate 100 students, and cost some \$35,000. We have heard it said "Why spend so much money where we can see so little return for the outlay? Business men put their money where they can get the quickest and largest returns, and mission workers should do the same." We must confess to feelings of repugnance, and a sense of the unfitness of the comparison, when we hear mission work put on the same footing as business concerns. In the Scriptures it is the family life that is set before us. God our Father, Christ the Son and our Elder Brother. We would think little of the father or brother that would neglect the weak and erring one of his own flesh and blood, because he was perverse and hard to influence, and try to lift up and help the erring one of his neighbor's household because he seemed to be a more hopeful subject to work upon, and so of our French brethren; they are of our own country, we cannot separate our life from theirs, and to us God has entrusted the work of enlightening our benighted brothers.

THERE has been a great deal of interesting matter held over this month to make room for the reports of the Woman's Missionary Society, among which are notes by the General Secretary on his North-West and British Columbia trip.

IN sending orders for missionary supplies, such as envelopes, collection books, juvenile cards, etc., will the brethren kindly state the number required, as it is impossible for us to be accurate in our calculations.

Editorial and Contributed.

THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN FOR 1888-9.

THOSE who watched the proceedings of the General Board of Missions at Winnipeg must feel convinced of the need of an enthusiastic and united effort to increase the current income of the Society. The fact that the grants to Domestic Missions, *plus* the amounts which the missions propose to raise, will give an aggregate of only seventy per cent., or less, of the basis of salary, is in itself a loud call for increased resources; and when to this we add the inevitable extension of the work in some directions, the earnest appeals for more missionaries in others, and the weighty responsibilities assumed by the Board in regard to educational work in Quebec and other places, the friends of the Society will see the need there is of "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether."

The presence of returned missionaries, in former years, helped in no small degree to kindle enthusiasm and increase receipts; and as this stimulus will be wanting in the present year, there is all the more need for a loyal rally of local forces. Let all friends of the cause on every circuit, make it a point of conscience to attend the missionary anniversary, and let the preachers and speakers who may be appointed, make it a matter of conscience to be present also, and to put the best thought of which they are capable into sermons and addresses. If a series of missionary prayer-meetings could be held in advance of the anniversaries, they would do a world of good. Ministers will greatly oblige by reporting results of meetings as soon as held. We are anxious to know, and so is the entire Church, that the quarter of a million has been raised.

The opening meetings of the campaign promise well. Reports from several circuits show a decided advance over the amounts raised last year. Let us keep the ball rolling till we pass the quarter-million line.

THE Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, will be available for Missionary Anniversaries in the Central Conferences after the holidays. Brethren desiring his services will please correspond with the Mission Rooms.

WE regret that through an oversight, in the absence of the Missionary Secretary, the names of two members of the Missionary Board, namely, A. M. Peterson, Esq., of Brandon, and John E. P. Peters, Esq., of St. John's, Newfoundland, were omitted from the published General Report.

PROGRESS OF MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

THE following report of the progress and condition of Methodist Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories was submitted to the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, at its Annual Meeting held in Winnipeg, September, 1888, and is forwarded for publication in the OUTLOOK by request of the Board:—

With the exception of about two months spent in Ontario in attending missionary meetings and securing supplies for our work, most of the year has been taken up by the Superintendent in visiting the missions and new settlements in the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The year has been a prosperous one. The net increase in membership is 818. The amount raised for all purposes is \$87,531.90, being an increase of \$22,003.51 over the previous year's returns. Our people are loyal to Methodist doctrine, Methodist institutions, and Methodist usages. They realize the value of walking by the same rule and minding the same things that have contributed so largely to the spiritual and material prosperity of Methodism in the past. The protracted meeting, the class meeting, and the missionary meeting are introduced at the earliest stages of a mission's existence, and carefully fostered as essential parts of our Methodist economy. Our people, as a rule, do not require pressure to induce them to the practice of self-denying efforts to liberally sustain the cause of God among them. They strive to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date, as the following figures will clearly show: Out of 77 circuits and domestic missions, 23 are self-sustaining charges, supporting 22 married and 5 single men; the salaries appropriated this year, averaging \$915 for married men and \$420 for single men. These amounts include the whole appropriation, with the exception of rent and removal expenses. Twenty-one of these self-sustaining circuits (the data of Port Arthur and Fort William not being available, these are not included), have averaged a period of only five years' dependence on the Missionary Society.

Attention is also called to the fact that this Conference pays more per member for all purposes than any of the seven other Western Conferences—an average of \$12.48, or, if the 1,064 Indian members be deducted from our membership of 7,010, the average is \$14.72; and while the above-mentioned Conferences are assessed for the support of the Superannuation Fund sums whose average varies from 21 cents to 30 cents per member, Manitoba will this year pay an average of 32 cents per member on the entire membership, or 38 cents if the large Indian member-

bership be excluded from the count. This fact alone is conclusive evidence that the connexionalism of our Church is not lost sight of in the efforts demanded to provide for home requirements, and is likewise suggestive of the prospective value of this territory, if thoroughly cultivated, to the connexional funds of our Church.

We have placed in the field this year fifteen additional men, after making up for losses, for transfer and other removals, making in all 100 ministers, probationers, and supplies stationed by our Conference last June.

The number of missions applying for assistance from the fund this year is 58, as against 60 last year. The explanation is that our policy has been, in most cases this year, to enlarge existing missions, and send an additional man to each of these fields so enlarged, in preference to creating new missions, where, in many cases, an utterly inexperienced man would be obliged to work with but little outside help.

In addition to the eight circuits which this year have become self-sustaining, three, which were independent, have each assumed the responsibility of accepting a second man, without applying to any fund for assistance.

With reference to the future, the following recommendations are submitted for consideration:—

1. That our work be vigorously pushed in the Province of Manitoba, and in those portions of the Territories immediately adjoining Manitoba on the west. Within these bounds our development during the past few years has been most marked. The indications point to a rapidity of settlement and increase of wealth in the regions described, which not only justify but loudly call for the prosecution of a liberal and progressive policy. Many of our fields situated within the Territories, although as faithfully worked and by as intelligent and loyal brethren, have not yielded so fruitfully. While recognizing the importance of holding the ground and developing these weak points to the full extent of the possibilities involved, we feel that great caution should be exercised in the extension of our work in these localities, at least for the present.

2. The need of financial help in building churches and parsonages is severely felt. We gladly acknowledge our indebtedness to the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund, still there are cases where the circumstances are such that a grant instead of a loan would be money well invested; or, if this is not possible, a larger loan allowed than the regulations of the Society at present permit.

3. The men who come into our work should be of more than ordinary intelligence to command the re-

spect of the people, and unless possessed of energy and a true missionary spirit, they will fail under the peculiar conditions which present themselves. To men of the right type and necessary qualifications, success under the blessing of God is sure, and such men will find openings and opportunities such as do not now appear in the older Conferences.

In addition to the 77 circuits and domestic missions already referred to, there are 14 Indian missions within the bounds of this Conference. One of these is among the Bloods, one hundred miles south of Calgary; one among the Stonies at Morley, and six to the north of Morley, along the base of the Rocky Mountains—all under the superintendency of the energetic pioneer missionary, Rev. John McDougall. There is one newly-formed mission among White Cap's band at Saskatoon, under the direction of the Chairman of the Regina District. Then there is a range of missions situated on Lake Winnipeg and the rivers to the north and east—some 900 miles distant from those of which Mr. McDougall has charge. Nowhere in the Dominion is our work among the Indians more encouraging than here. There are 600 members at Fisher River, Beren's River, and Norway House, and probably not less than 4,000 or 5,000 in that northern country, who look to the Methodist Church for religious instruction and secular education. A visit lately made in company with Mr. McDougall impressed me with the great importance of this work. Nearly fifty years ago the foundations were laid by Revs. Evans and Rundle, whose successful labors are gratefully remembered and referred to by aged ones who were converted to God under their ministry, and who remain faithful to this day. Although we were unable to send such supplies to Norway House and Beren's River a year ago last June, as we desired, these missions were by no means neglected. Bro. E. Paupanikis (a native) taught school at Norway House all the year, in addition to which he kept the congregation of nearly 300 together, preaching to them every Sunday. Bro. Butler, a devoted local preacher, has done similar service at Beren's River. Arrangements are being made to supply Oxford House and Nelson River more regularly than in the past. The removal of Revs. Langford, Semmens, and Ross is greatly regretted by the respective peoples to whom they ministered, yet the brethren who have gone to fill their places have been warmly welcomed, and it is confidently expected that they will prove worthy successors of the honored missionaries who have preceded them in these important fields.

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FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE, MONTREAL.

BY A MONTREAL CORRESPONDENT.

A NEW era in French Evangelization, conducted by the Methodist Church, has just been marked by the laying of the corner-stone of large and suitable buildings in process of construction in the western suburbs of Montreal. For this new equipment of the Institute there has been secured a large lot on Green Avenue, on a plateau overlooking the lower level of the city, the River St. Lawrence, and the beautiful country beyond. The new building will accommodate 100 students, and will cost \$35,000. The financial responsibility is borne jointly by the General Missionary Board and the Woman's Missionary Society. The latter assumes the interest on the cost of the wing to be occupied by the girls. The cost of the other portions is distributed over a term of years, and will in no way affect the regular grants to missionaries, being met from special sources apart from ordinary current income. Moreover there is to credit the increasing value of a property of twenty-two acres at St. Lambert, acquired some years ago as a site for an Institute.

The services in connection with the laying of the corner-stone on Monday 22nd October, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of the Wesleyan Theological College, and was largely attended by many of the representative laity of Montreal Methodism, besides a number from other churches. After a selection had been read from the Ritual by the Rev. T. G. Williams, Chairman of the District, and prayer offered by the Rev. Dr. Antliff, Dr. Shaw, on behalf of the gentlemen constituting the Board of Directors, presented to the Rev. Dr. Sutherland a beautiful silver trowel, with which the General Secretary of the Missionary Society proceeded to lay the stone, the list of contents being read by the Rev. C. A. Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer. A liberal collection was then made on behalf of the funds of the Institute, after which brief addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent; Rev. Dr. Potts; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University; Rev. T. Lafleur (Baptist); and Rev. A. Lariviere (Church of England), Principal of Sabrevois Institute. There were also present Rev. E. M. Taylor, M.A., Principal of the Methodist Institute, and Rev. L. Massicotte, Assistant Teacher; Rev. Dr. Ryckman; Rev. Mr. Newman (Church of England); Rev. Mr. Therien (Baptist); Rev. Dr. Lathern, of Halifax; most of the Methodist ministers of the city; besides Mesdames Antliff, Ross, Nichol, Torrance, Shaw and others, representing the Woman's Missionary Society. The very interesting proceedings were terminated by the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Wm. Scott, of Ottawa.

A DYING SUNDAY SCHOLAR'S GIFT.

THE Rev. D. L. Brethour writes from Thorold as follows:—

DEAR BRO.,—I enclose five dollars for Crosby Boys' Home. It is a gift from the late Willie Carroll McLean, of Thorold—a bright, intelligent, faithful Sunday-school boy, who went to Heaven at the early age of seventeen years. When Mr. Crosby was in Ontario, seven or eight years ago, he was at Thorold, and made his home at Bro. McLean's. Willie was the first to subscribe for *Glad Tidings*. What he gave his mother does not know, but when he handed the money to Mr. Crosby, he said, "Here, Mr. Crosby, this will buy some spikes for *Glad Tidings*."

The enclosed five dollars was saved from money given to him from time to time by his parents for street-car fares. Before he died he specially requested that it be sent to Rev. T. Crosby, for his Indian Boys' Home. He said, had he lived he would have bought books with some of it, and the rest would be given for amusements. I send it with the prayers of his parents, who are sorely bereaved in the loss of their only child. This money, by God's blessing, will go forward on its apostolic mission of "doing good" for all time, and will be multiplied in blessings until the Master comes.

Woman's Work.

Edited by Mrs. Dr. Parker.

"And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted."—*Is. 12. 4.*

THE press being already delayed to give the reports of the annual meetings of Branches and General Board, we will reserve our editorial review for the next number. Every member of the Woman's Missionary Society will rejoice at the great success God has vouchsafed to the labors of the year. To Him be all the glory! With fresh vigor, renewed consecration, and increased earnestness, let us all, in the name and for the love of our blessed Master, continue our work. The labor is our precious privilege; the results are God's gracious acknowledgements.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of this Branch opened at Windsor, on the morning of Tuesday, October 4th; Mrs. S. F. Huestis in the chair. There were present, including representative and visiting delegates, fully forty. After devotional and preliminary exercises, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers; ballots resulting as follows: President, Mrs. A. S. Tuttle; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames S. F. Heustis, W. F. MacCoy and W. Ainley; Recording Secretary, Miss Silver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Whiston; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray; Auditor, Miss Temple. The reports previously read indicated a

good condition of finances and a healthy state of connexional work. There is some increase in funds, also seven Auxiliaries and seven Mission Bands have been added. The outlook generally through the Branch is encouraging. It was pleasant to receive communications from those who desire to give their lives to mission work and to be able to nominate them to the Board with strong recommendations. The subject of Mission Band Literature evoked lively discussion, disclosed needs hitherto unnoticed, and was strongly supported.

The half hour prayer-meeting immediately preceding the work of each subsequent session proved a source of spiritual rest and strength. Greetings from sister organizations were received with pleasure. Among such was a sisterly message from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, conveyed by one of their Vice-Presidents, and assuredly reciprocated. The good-will of the Maritime Baptist Union was tendered by its representatives with equal grace and ability. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union and local Baptist Circle also sent delegates. Letters from some of our missionaries, and appropriate selections of a missionary character, were read by ladies whose keen intellectual perception and elocutionary skill combined to afford their listeners much enjoyment. A paper on the best method of conducting Auxiliaries was well received, and its publication requested and arranged for. Prominence was given to Mission Band work, which will henceforth demand a large share of our attention. A report from the "Acorn Band," in St. George's, Bermuda, was specially interesting.

The evening public meeting in the audience room of the church was deemed a success. A good congregation, a number of papers creditable alike in matter and style of delivery, very fine music by the choir, also a beautiful solo by a delegate, a fair collection, and an address by the pastor, all combined to render it so.

Missionary literature was provided, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to procure a supply between the sessions.

For facility and harmony in the transaction of routine business, and for opportunities for interchange of thought on the missionary cause, the Annual Meeting was satisfactory throughout.

The final session closed with a consecration service, in which as many as possible took part, and at which all felt it a privilege to be present. All were enabled to "depart to life and to duty with undismayed heart."

L. SILVER.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada—Western Branch—assembled in the Norfolk Street Methodist Church, Guelph, October 3rd, 1888, at 10.30. There were about fifty delegates present at the start, but the number was swelled by incoming trains before the close of the session.

The proceedings opened by the singing of hymn 661, the reading of Nehemiah 4 and Mark 4 by the Second Vice-President, Mrs. Messmore, of Brantford, who had been appointed to the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs. (Rev.) Dr. Hunter, of Hamilton. The roll was then called by the Secretary, after which the President's address was read, giving a thoughtful and thankful review of the year's work.

A feeling letter was then read from Mrs. Hunter, President, thanking the ladies for their kind sympathy in her hour of deep sorrow, owing to the death of her husband, Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter.

The following ladies were then appointed as the Nominating Committee:—Mrs. Detlor, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Dr. Fowler, and Mrs. Campbell.

Reports were then read from the Auxiliaries in Brantford (First Church), Hamilton, Goderich (St. Paul's Church), St. Catharines (Queen's Avenue), London (Dundas Street), London, Clinton, Ingersoll, Owen Sound (the Grove, Siloam and Zion), St. Mary's, Rockwood, Tilsonburg, London South, and London West. All the reports bore testimony to much spiritual benefit in their work, increased interest in meetings, and in most cases a slight increase in members and contributions. The reports of the new Auxiliaries were very encouraging.

The morning session was then closed with singing and prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Russ, Woodstock, after which the delegates answered to their names.

The reports of Auxiliaries were continued, and these were read:—Mount Pleasant, St. Catharines (Welland Avenue), Waterford, Seaford, Jerseyville, Norwich, Hamilton (Centenary), Hamilton (Wesley Church), Hamilton (Gore Street), St. Thomas (First), Jarvis, Mitchell, Dundas, Thorold, Holmesville, Niagara Falls, Guelph, Aylmer, Charing Cross, Eden Mills, and Teetersville. Their tenor was similar to those of the morning. The Norfolk Street (Guelph) Auxiliary had had eight monthly and two public meetings, and had raised \$95. In Rockwood mission band—forty members—twenty-four of them last April took two cents each to use till September. Seventeen brought back their two cents and gave reports as to what use they had made of their grants, the total raised being \$11.75. Their stories were very interesting, and some amusing. The same plan is again being tried this year. Rockwood had given \$78.65; Eden Mills, \$16; Harriston, \$13.75; and Mrs. J. Harris, Glenallan, \$10.

Chatham and Ingersoll invited the Society for the next annual meeting, and, on a ballot, Ingersoll was chosen by a small majority.

A telegram of greeting was received from the Central Branch, now in session in Toronto, and the Committee on Courtesies sent an immediate and appropriate reply.

The Address of Welcome was given by Miss S. A. Smith, Guelph, and replied to by Miss Burroughs, of Dundas.

The visiting delegates were then introduced. Mrs. White, for the ladies of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, gave an excellent address—thoughtful, and containing much earnest spiritual advice. Mrs. S. Boulton, for the Congregational Church dwelt specially on the use of small opportunities, also of the influence of monthly meetings, and the benefits of prayer there. Mrs. W. R. Evans, of the Baptist Mission Circle, gave a *resume* of their work among the Telegus, and referred to the cordial co-operation of the women of all Churches in this grand work.

Mrs. Cunningham, Recording Secretary, then read satisfactory reports of the Chilliwack Home for the Indians, the schools in Japan, and the French work, after which the session closed with prayer by Mrs. Langford.

EVENING SESSION.

A reception tea was tendered the delegates from six to eight o'clock by the young ladies of the church, and the company sat down to nicely appointed tables, at which a social time was spent. At eight o'clock an opening meeting was held upstairs, at which there was a fair audience. Rev. N. R. Willoughby presided. After singing, Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, B.D., read a Scripture lesson, and Rev. G.

R. Turk led in prayer. The chairman gave a stirring address on the debt of gratitude they owed to God for the Bible and for the missionaries. Women were especially debtors to Christian influences, and he believed that the salvation of the world depended most on the heart-power of the women. Young women should leave behind them a more lasting legacy than a little embroidery, a little drumming on the piano, a little painting, a little frivolity and pleasure, and to do this should set before them the noble ambition of living to help and elevate others.

Reports were presented by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Galt, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Detlor, of Clinton. The former said the organizers appointed at the last annual meeting had done good work, and they had had a successful year. Twenty-three new Auxiliaries and eleven Mission Bands had been formed, and also several city Auxiliaries had been subdivided. They now numbered 66 Auxiliaries, membership 1,807, and 21 Mission Bands, membership 581. The woman's missionary gathering at Grimsby Park this summer had been very profitable to those who attended, but the absence of the President, Mrs. Hunter, both there and at the Annual Meeting, was regretted. The reports of the Auxiliaries showed a more general interest in the monthly meetings, and much successful work was being accomplished by the distribution of missionary literature. The Treasurer's report gave the contributions of each Auxiliary, ranging in amount from \$5 to over \$800, and making a total for the year of \$5,938.35. The amount raised in the Western Branch for the last quarter was within a few dollars of the total amount raised in the Dominion the whole of the first year of the Society's existence.

Rev. V. C. Hart, one of the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States in China, and who has spent twenty-three years of his life in the work, then spoke for nearly an hour. By the aid of a map he gave the audience an excellent idea of his field of labor—Central China, about five hundred miles from the mouth of the great Yang-tse-Kiang river, with its millions of people, and the difficulties encountered in the work. He set the population of China at about 350,000,000—50,000,000 having perished in the last rebellion. Nankin, which had a population of three millions 100 years ago, now had only about half a million. He related several interesting incidents of his experience, and dwelt on the value of medical missions, which won the confidence of the people and opened the way for the preaching of the Gospel. Their industrial and boarding schools were also doing successful work. He pressed the needs of China on the Society, and asked for their prayer and support for the work there.

During the evening the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Crowe, added to the evening's pleasure by their choice music. This choir has been considerably reinforced of late, and ranks as one of the best in the city. The solos were taken by Miss Maud Stevenson and Miss Patterson. Rev. Dr. Wardrobe closed the meeting with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The session was opened at ten o'clock a.m. by devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford. The reports of the organizers in the several districts were given. A good deal of correspondence has been conducted, the organizers in most of the districts meeting with some discouragement on account of the fear of some ministers of interference in the General Society's work. Difficulty in getting ladies to take office has also stood in the way. Mrs. Detlor gave an amusing account of her experience in organ-

izing an Auxiliary, and advised the ladies to write not only once, but twice and oftener. The universal testimony was that the formation of an Auxiliary always helped the finances in other directions.

A good deal of discussion took place over the motions for the adoption of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. The reports did not tally in the number of members, owing to the accounts of the finances having been correctly returned to the Treasurer, but the corresponding statistics had not been sent to the Secretary. It was finally settled by adopting the Treasurer's as read, and the Corresponding Secretary was to be allowed to add to her list as returned the members reported by the delinquent auxiliaries at that meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention resumed in the afternoon at 2.30, and for an hour a consecration meeting of much interest and power was held, led by Mrs. Dr. Fowler, of London.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials was then discussed. The principal changes made were, that Auxiliary reports should not occupy more than one minute in reading; that the year for Auxiliaries should close on the 15th June instead of 15th September, the Branch meeting to be held the same time as at present; and that the Corresponding Secretary should have an assistant. There were two memorials in reference to lowering the membership fee, but they were not entertained. The Committee on Modes of Work reaffirmed the organization of last year, and asked that 10,000 Leaflets of their aims and objects be printed.

The election of officers was then taken up, and resulted as follows: Rev. G. R. Turk and Mr. John Campbell acting as scrutineers: President, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Fowler, London; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Messmore, Brantford; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Russ, Woodstock; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Galt; Treasurer, Mrs. Detlor, Clinton. Delegates to the Central Board: Mesdames Russ, of Woodstock; Langford, of London South; Detlor, of Clinton; Stoney, of Hamilton; Owrey, of London; Williams, of Ingersoll; Dickson, of London; Fowler, of London; Messmore, of Brantford; Phelps, of Mount Pleasant; Kennedy, of Owen Sound; McMechan, of London; Woodsworth, of Brantford; T. M. Campbell, of St. Mary's; John Campbell, of Guelph; Sharpe, of Brantford, and Miss Burrows, of Dundas. Alternates, Mrs. Crawford, Hamilton; Mrs. Leach, Goderich. Delegates to Guelph Conference, Mrs. Detlor; to London, Mrs. McMechan; to Niagara, Mrs. Jackson, Jarvis.

The Auditors reported the Treasurer's books carefully and very neatly kept. After the election the President-elect was conducted to the chair, and briefly returned her thanks.

EVENING SESSION.

At the closing meeting in the evening there was a fair attendance of the Methodist ladies of the city, with a sprinkling of gentlemen. Miss Cantwell, who had been sent out to Japan by the Society, was present and gave a deeply interesting address on Japanese social life and marriage customs, touching on some affecting incidents which had come under her own observation at their schools there. Mrs. McKay, of Toronto, a daughter of the late Rev. John Douse, introduced herself by stating that she had been converted in Norfolk Street Church when a girl of fourteen during her father's pastorate there. She read a strong paper on the duty and work of women, taking Nehemiah's building of the wall as the basis of her thoughts, and urged close communion with God at home and in the Church.

Mrs. Stacy, of St. Thomas, gave a short but forcible paper on the wide field of education and influence open to well conducted Mission Bands. Several practical suggestions were offered to insure successful work. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, then read some very interesting descriptive letters on industrial and school life at the Macdougall Orphanage, N. W. T., towards which the Society granted \$1,000 a year. The hopeful features as well as the discouragements were fully set forth and the need of faithful, loving work was pointed out. The Orphanage was still \$1,975.53 in debt on its buildings, but its income was exceeding its annual expenditure and that it was being reduced year by year. The Government Inspector had complimented their school very highly.

A motion was passed recommending that the number of delegates to the Central Board from the Central and Western Branches be on the basis of one per every 200 members, instead of one for every 100, as at present. This year's delegation, eighteen, was thought too large.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Guelph ladies for their hospitality, to the trustees and choir, to the ladies who had contributed papers, and the press, after which a very pleasant and instructive two day's meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology, and prayer by Rev. N. R. Willoughby.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Branch met in Carlton Street Church, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. Mrs. Dr. Williams, President, in the chair.

About sixty delegates were present from various parts of the Bay of Quinte and Toronto Conferences.

During the afternoon of Tuesday, Miss Cartmell gave an interesting address on the lives and customs of the women in Japan.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. Hunter presiding. An address of welcome to the delegates was read by Mrs. McKay, President of the Carlton Street Auxiliary, and responded to by Mrs. J. C. Sherin, Lakefield.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read, stating that there are eighty-three Societies in this Branch, fifty-three Auxiliaries and thirty Mission Bands. Fifteen new Auxiliaries and thirteen Mission Bands having been organized during the year. The Treasurer reported the total income of the Branch to be \$6,490.23.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Williams, Dr. Parker and Rev. C. Watson. During the evening an organ solo was rendered by Miss K. Kerr, and a vocal solo by Miss McCallum.

Wednesday morning's session closed with one hour for testimonies. At this meeting a lady gave \$25 as a thank-offering. A paper prepared by Miss Reid, Belleville, was read by Mrs. Dr. Carman during the afternoon session. It contained many practical suggestions as to how Mission Bands may be made successful.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Starr, Victoria, B. C., gave an interesting account of the working of the "Rescue Home" for Chinese girls.

The Convention closed on October 5th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Dr. Williams; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Gooderham, Mrs. Dr. Carman and Mrs. D. Kerr; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Briggs; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Thompson.

The following delegates were elected for General Board: Mesdames Blackstock, Aikins, McKay, Tyner, Ogden, W.

J. Hunter, Dr. Parker, Gundy, Hillock, Willmott, Bascom, Massey, Weldon, J. Lewis, J. H. Locke and Miss Wilkes. Alternates, Mrs. Maybee and Mrs. Hoar.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY GENERAL BOARD.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was opened in the parlors of the Metropolitan Church on Tuesday morning, October 16th, Mrs. James Gooderham, the President, in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Williams, President of the Central Branch, and Mrs. John Ross, of Montreal. A letter was received from Mrs. Addie Chisholm, Recording Secretary, regretting her inability to be present, and stating that she could not accept any office for the incoming year. Mrs. Dr. Willmott was elected Secretary *pro tem*. After calling the roll, reading the minutes of the Executive Committee, and completing the routine work of organization, reports were received from the various branches, in substance as follows:

Western Branch—Mrs. Cunningham, Secretary; 23 new Auxiliaries formed making a total of 68 Auxiliaries and 21 Mission Bands, with adult membership of 1,717 and Mission Band membership of 581. Receipts, \$5,939.35.

Central Branch—Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Secretary; 16 new Auxiliaries and 14 new Mission Bands, making totals of 53 and 30 respectively. Total membership, 2,605; receipts, \$6,490.33, an increase of \$1,879.69 over last year.

Eastern Branch—Mrs. T. G. Williams, Secretary; Auxiliary membership, 740; Mission Band members, 197; receipts, \$2,375.58, an increase of \$378.47.

Nova Scotia Branch—Miss Whiston, Secretary; Auxiliaries, 26, an increase of 5; Mission Bands, 14, an increase of 7; total membership, 1,049; income, \$2,297.92, an increase of \$246.10.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch—Mrs. Palmer, Secretary; Auxiliaries 28, increase of 21; membership, 668, an increase of 456; Mission Bands, 193, an increase of 135; membership, 876, an increase of 603; income, \$1,605.84, an increase of \$976.21.

The following delegates were present:

Officers—Mrs. James Gooderham, President, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Carman, Vice-President, Belleville; Mrs. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, Hamilton; Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, Treasurer, Hamilton.

Western Branch—Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; Mrs. A. Cunningham, Galt; Mrs. Russ, Woodstock; Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Owrey, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. McMechan; London; Mrs. Detlor, Clinton; Mrs. Stoney, Hamilton; Mrs. Philps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Woodsworth, Brantford; Mrs. T. M. Campbell, St. Mary's; Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford; Mrs. Leach, Goderich.

Central Branch—Mrs. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Blackstock, Mrs. Dr. Aikins, Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Hillock, Mrs. Gundy, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. W. W. Ogden, Mrs. Dr. Parker, Miss Wilks, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, Toronto; Mrs. Locke, Collingwood; Mrs. Weldon, Lindsay; Mrs. Massey, Sidney; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. Lewis, Belleville.

Eastern Branch—Mrs. W. E. Ross, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Mrs. John Cowan, Mrs. Dr. Antliff, Montreal; Mrs. Dunlop, Pembroke; Mrs. A. Rockwell, Kingston; Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. White, Brockville.

Nova Scotia Branch—Mrs. W. T. MacCoy, Halifax.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch—Miss F. E. Palmer, St. Johns.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. Burns, President of the Western Branch. On motion of Mrs. Dr. Carman, the resignation of Mrs. Addie Chisholm as Recording Secretary was accepted, and the Board expressed its deep sense of loss in her retirement.

The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of the following committees: Memorials and Resolutions, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas, Convener; Appropriations and Finances, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas, Convener; Modes of Work and Supply, Mrs. Dr. Carman, Belleville, Convener; Courtesies, Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge, Convener; Publication, Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto, Convener. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Strachan, of Hamilton, read the annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, which contained the statistics of the branches published above. The following grand totals were presented: Auxiliaries, 206; membership, 5,447. Mission Bands, 88; membership, 2,711.

The state of the work in all parts of the mission field was reviewed, chronicling the advances, changes and results in the policy and *personnel* at the various stations. From every point most encouraging returns were received, all prophesying a great success in the future.

Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, presented the Treasurer's annual report. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was, \$10,950.12; receipts by Treasurer during the year, \$19,070.38; balance now in bank, \$17,170.89; expenditure, \$12,849.61, in detail as follows: Japan, \$6,652.18; French Mission, \$1,200; Crosby Home, \$1,550; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,000; Chinese Mission, B.C., \$1,115; Chilliwack, \$400; Rideau Mission (Rev. Huntington), \$100; the remainder in sundries.

At the suggestion of the President, the members rose and sang heartily "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," in gratitude for the great triumphs of the past year.

Miss Carty, of Toronto, read cordial words of welcome to the visiting delegates, which were appropriately replied to by Mrs. Dr. Antliffe, of Montreal.

Mrs. James Gooderham, in delivering the President's annual address, spoke of the steady increase seen in all branches of the Society, numerically and financially. This resulted from the great amount of aggressive work that had been done, though with a membership of 200,000, she thought that their body should accomplish even more. The testimony of class leaders established the fact that of all the schemes of the Church, this Society did more than any other for the spiritual life of its membership. She defended their ladies from the charge of neglecting their homes, and showed that the working of the Society had developed much latent talent. An improvement had been observed during the year in methods of work, especially in regard to finances; and the Mission Bands were training the younger ladies to replace their elders in the coming years. In closing, she bade welcome to the delegates from sister societies, who were then introduced as follows, each extending warm greetings on behalf of their respective organizations to the ladies of the Board: Mrs. Burgess, of India; Mrs. Edward Blake, McCall Mission; Mrs. Ewart, Presbyterian Mission Society; Mrs. Wells, Baptist Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Bastedo, Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Corresponding Secretary read three newsy reports from Japan, prepared by Mrs. Large, of the Tokio school, Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Lund. Each of these reports

was received, on motion, and ordered to be printed in the annual report.

Various memorials were received from branch unions and referred to the Memorial Committee. There is a pretty general request that the annual report be distributed free. Tea was served in the church for the delegates and their hostesses.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The only evening meeting of the session was held on the 16th, and took the form of a public meeting in the large audience-room of the Metropolitan Church. The delegates sat in a body in the front of the central row of the pews, while a fair audience was scattered throughout the remainder of the church. Rev. Le Roy Hooker presided, and in a neat opening speech explained the objects and work of the society.

The main feature of the programme was addresses by Rev. Wm. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess, who labored for some time in India under the direction of the British Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mrs. Burgess spoke concerning the school for young girls and the work among the Zenanas, vividly describing each of these departments with that clearest of descriptive methods—a wealth of incident and illustration.

Rev. Mr. Burgess described the pitiable condition of women in India, and pointed out the great improvement of that position in later years caused by the teaching of Christianity. He argued that if Christian work did nothing more, it carried an education to these intellectually dwarfed child-women of India that broke the bars of superstition; but this culture must be developed into Christianity, for the destruction of their false creeds will leave them with no creed, and in a worse condition than before. Opposition to the Bible came not so much from the Hindoos as from professed atheists, trained in English Universities. The vast importance of sending lady missionaries to India was strongly emphasized. The women, he contended, hold the key of the situation. It is they that retain the old superstitions that the men have given up, and if once the Zenanas are captured India will be won for Christ.

The collection was followed by the singing of Gospel melodies, in several of the colloquial tongues spoken in India, by Mrs. Burgess.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The General Board of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society resumed work at 9.30, the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ross, President of the Eastern Branch, and Mrs. T. G. Williams, both of Montreal.

On recommendation of the Committee on Modes of Work, it was decided to prepare and distribute as freely as possible an attractive leaflet setting forth the advantages of the Woman's Missionary Society before the Churches. Referred to Publication Committee.

The Committee on Memorials presented a lengthy report, the major portion of which was referred to appropriate committees. A suggestion from the Western Branch that the representation to the General Board be on a basis of one in every two hundred, instead of one hundred, as at present, was negatived, and a recommendation that auxiliary elections be conducted by ballot was referred to the various branches. A proposal that 10,000 copies of "Our Work" be printed, was adopted.

Mrs. Strachan, Corresponding Secretary, read a general and statistical report of the year's work at the Crosby Home for Indian children, at Port Simpson, B.C. Gratifying pro-

gress was shown in all the departments, and the indefatigable services of the agents of the society, Miss Knight and Miss Hart, gladly recognized. The number of children in the Home at present is twenty-one, only two of whom are boys.

The reading of the report was followed by a stirring address by Mrs. Crosby, who had just come east from the scene of labor among the Indians. She pointed out that three of the children taken into the Home were half-breeds, to whom it would have been lawful to sell liquor, which they might have easily carried among the Indians. The Methodist missionaries there feel that they have grounds for complaint against the Government, which has denied them any aid in this Indian rescue work. It is true that the Government is now establishing three industrial schools for the Indians; but, despite the fact that an immense majority of the Christian Indians are Methodists, two of these schools are under Roman Catholic control, and the remaining one under the Anglicans. The Methodist body are of themselves founding a school at Port Simpson, for which they should, in all fairness, have Government assistance.

The closing hour of the morning session was devoted to a testimony meeting led by Mrs. Messmore, of Brantford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional exercises at the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. Hugh Johnston.

Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, read the report of the work among the French in Quebec. During the past twelve months the school at Acton Vale has had twenty-four scholars boarding in the building, and six or eight day pupils. Two of this number passed the final examinations with a high degree of merit, and are well equipped intellectually for their future work. The services of Mrs. Ray, as teacher, and Mrs. Levasser, as matron, were retained. Another school was started during the year in the western suburb of Montreal, and was fairly attended; it re-opened this autumn with an attendance of fifteen, and a promise of fifteen more. The branch is looking forward with great interest to the opening of the new French Institute in Côte St. Antoine. The receipts for the year were \$2,074.54, of which a balance of \$516.42 remains.

Reports of the McDougall Orphanage were read by the Corresponding Secretary from Rev. John McDougall, and Mr. James A. Youmans, Principal of the Orphanage. Rev. Mr. McDougall reported marked improvement in the working of the school and in the confidence of the natives. It being the fifth year of their existence, some pupils have completed the assigned course, and are now going back to the camps of their tribes. Mr. Youmans gave a racy sketch of the inner life of the Orphanage, brightened by personal incidents, displaying the character of individual pupils. The income for the year totalled \$1,977.95; expenditure, \$1,698.04; the debt now stands at \$1,975.53.

Mrs. Carrie S. Tate remitted the report of the Coqua-beetza Home and School, at Chilliwack, B.C. Sixteen children were in attendance during the year, and a grant of \$1,000, or \$2,000 was asked for, that more accommodation might be provided. Receipts, \$470; expenditure, \$383.65.

A sketch of the year's work at the Chinese Girl's Rescue Home at Victoria, B.C., was received from Miss Leake. Rare success had attended their efforts, and much instruction has been given the rescued girls by Mr. Vrooman Gardiner and Rev. J. E. Starr. Receipts for nine months, \$1,227.50; expenditure, \$1,027.38.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Sutherland, in which he announced that he had purchased a site in Victoria, B.C., for the erection of an enlarged Rescue Home for Chinese

girls. It consists of three lots, each 60 x 120 feet, and on the central lot stands a two-storey frame house. The price was \$6,000. He strongly urged that help be sent to Miss Leake, matron.

Mrs. Dr. Carman read the report of the Special Committee "On the subject of Indian missions under Rev. John McLean and Rev. Mr. Green." These missionaries are among the Blood Indians; of whose 2,000 people about 800 recognize Rev. Mr. McLean as their missionary. Like many other tribes they are decreasing numerically very fast. Rev. Mr. McLean has been appointed to the Board of Education, which will necessitate the sending out of another missionary. The Orphanage of Naas has been discontinued, and a Boys' Industrial School at Port Simpson substituted.

Mrs. Dr. Briggs presented the report of the Supply Committee, who, in the interim of the Board meetings, are empowered to give special assistance to the various mission fields, with the stipulation "that in no case shall the funds of the Auxiliary be used for the purchase of material or the payment of freight." This committee is a medium by which missionaries desiring assistance, and Auxiliaries desiring to assist, may be put in communication with each other; but it does not draw upon Auxiliary funds, and is, therefore, extra and rather independent work. Packages of food and clothing were sent from different parts of the country to every one of the mission stations from Labrador to British Columbia. The total number of cases sent was forty-four, having an aggregate weight of over 5,000 pounds.

Instructions to the missionaries in Japan were adopted, which provided for the establishment of the missionaries in the field into a council, which will virtually control the practical working of the schools and missions.

Miss McCoy, of Halifax, N.S., read a thoughtful paper on "Negative Responsibilities," prepared by Miss Silver, of Halifax, which was acknowledged with a vote of thanks, and ordered to be printed in the OUTLOOK. Miss Wilkes read the report of the Leaflet Committee, showing the distribution of over 30,000 leaflets during the year, 4,500 on the work of the Society.

The Treasurer announced that Rev. Dr. Stafford had handed her \$141 from an "unknown lady" for the Society, and Mrs. Detlor, of Clinton, told of a lady who wished to give \$100 to some individual missionary of the Society.

A number of memorials were reported by the Memorial Committee, and dealt with under this report. It was decided to accede to the request of the General Board, and join with them in the erection and management of the new French Institute in Montreal. It was directed that henceforth the names of the life members be printed, with the auxiliaries where they live and work.

The Committee *re* traffic in Chinese girls reported having interviewed Dr. Maclaren, who had stated that nothing could be done by us, as the girls were bought and sold in China.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Starr, from Victoria, B.C., being in the meeting, was invited forward, and stated emphatically that the Chinese girls were *bought* and *sold* in Victoria.

A number of city clergymen were present during the day, and appeared to be greatly edified at the business method of the "conference" of ladies.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Since their first meeting on Tuesday morning the lay delegates had a continued term of hard work, and transacted a considerable amount of important business.

Mrs. James Gooderham presided, and Mrs. Blackstock

conducted the devotional exercises with which all the sessions are opened.

An informal conversation on the blessing attending giving was held, and it was suggested that the Society should aim this year at raising \$30,000 for its praiseworthy objects.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter from Mr. Huntington, of Sudbury, was then read by Mrs. Strachan, giving an interesting account of the work among the Indians at Whitefish Lake Reserve. He stated that he had decided to remove the Indians under his charge to the Hudson's Bay post, and he asked the Board to appropriate \$250 to pay the expenses attendant on the removal. Mrs. Large wrote from Japan, stating her conviction that the influential schools of the future in that country would be those in which household duties are taught, and suggesting that some provision having that end in view be made by the General Board. A letter was also read from Rev. Mr. Saunby, of Kofie, Japan, pointing out the need for a lady missionary in Kofie, and asking that the Board consider the advisability of supplying the want.

The President stated that requests from other places had also been received for teachers, for whom the people were willing to pay.

Greetings were received from Mrs. L. Youmans, of the W.C.T.U., and a resolution was passed appreciative of her interest in the work of the Society, and expressing the deep sympathy of the Board with her in her present illness. The President at this stage led the meeting in prayer on behalf of our beloved sister, an incident which drew tears from many eyes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations recommended as follows:—

Japan.—For the Tokio School, \$5,750; school at Shidzuoka, \$1,530; Dressmaker, \$650; Kofie, \$550; total for Japan, \$8,480.

French Work.—Actonvale mission school, \$1,200; interest on \$10,000 for six months, \$300; furnishing of new building, \$1,000; total, 2,500.

Crosby Home, \$1,400; McDougall Orphanage, \$1,200; Chinese work, \$1,200; Chilliwhack Home, B.C., \$2,150.

The sum of \$250 was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee for Rev. S. Huntington's use, if considered desirable by them.

The total appropriation amounted to \$17,180.

The Committee on Appropriations presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

That the Executive Committee be authorized to send a lady to Kofie, Japan, if occasion arise, and that \$550 be appropriated for this purpose;

That the Council in Tokio be authorized to purchase land near the school, if a favorable occasion arise;

That it has not been deemed advisable for the Society to take two extra lots purchased in Victoria, B.C., by Dr. Sutherland;

That in the matter of housekeeping outfit for inmates of the McDougall Orphanage; to the amount of \$50 each, be given to three young girls who have been in the institution for at least five years.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mrs. Strachan, seconded by Mrs. Rosebrugh, that the school at Actonvale, Que., be continued for another year.

On the motion of Mrs. Detlor, it was ordered that delegates from branch meetings select three of their members immediately on their election, who shall be members of the Nominating Committee, and meet half an hour previous to the open sessions of the Board meeting.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Modes of Work, it was ordered that the French work be left to a committee in Montreal, and that a plan of work be arranged for Miss Cartmell in the Canadian Auxiliaries.

The Publication Committee reported and recommended, that a Literature and Publication Committee be organized, to whom should be entrusted the preparation and printing of Leaflets, Uniform Studies, and other Helps for monthly and public meetings and Mission Bands. That this Committee consist of one member from each Branch, associated with Editress of OUTLOOK; and that it be a standing committee; also, that the Publication Fund and the balance of Leaflet Fund be entrusted to this Committee for its work. That the Reports be sold at 5c., that 5000 be printed; also Leaflets and Prayer Cards. Recommendations of Committee adopted.

The Committee recommended the following names: Miss Palmer, St. John, N.B.; Miss Silver, Halifax; Miss Wilkes, Toronto; a lady to be named by the Eastern Branch; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London. Recommendation carried.

That Miss Wilkes have charge of sale of Leaflets. That special resolutions passed by General Board be inserted in one department of Annual Report. That a lady be appointed in each Auxiliary to canvass for OUTLOOK, and that this be a "by-law" of Auxiliaries. That there be an annual collection in each Auxiliary for a Publication Fund.

That Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, of Hamilton, be the Committee to prepare and publish the Annual Report. Report adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Parker for the able manner in which she has conducted the paper during the past year.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Modes of Work presented a report recommending that the Leaflet Committee keep on hand a supply of the best available Leaflets for sale, and that the election of delegates to the Annual Branch and the General Board meetings be by a majority vote, both of which recommendations were agreed to.

A resolution to change the time of the annual meeting to June 15th was not entertained.

It was ordered that papers prepared for Auxiliaries, of a specially interesting character, should be sent to the Literature Committee for circulation.

The Committee on Memorials submitted a resolution to the following effect: "That while the Woman's Missionary Society accept the proposal of the General Board in reference to the payment of the interest upon \$10,000, the amount necessary 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 understand what is meant by the term 'investing and running expenses,' used in the resolution passed by the General Board. They also ask that they be allowed three members on the Board of Directors for the Institute, and a fair representation on the Board of Managers." Carried. At the request of the President, Rev. Dr. Parker took the chair during the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Belleville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. Rosebrugh, Hamilton; Editress of the OUTLOOK, Mrs. Parker, Toronto; Editress of *Christian Guardian*, Mrs. Briggs, Toronto.

PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

In view of the fact that the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will meet in London next year, it was decided that the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society should accept the invitation to hold their next annual meeting in Montreal.

The Committee on Courtesies submitted votes of thanks to the ladies who entertained the delegates in their homes, to the trustees of the Metropolitan Church, to the press, to all those who assisted during the sittings of the Board, and to the unknown lady who sent a donation of \$141 to the funds of the Society.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Willmott, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. R. I. Walker were again appointed on the Supply Committee.

The meeting reconsidered the resolution carried at an earlier part of the day's proceedings, authorizing the donation of \$50 each to three Indian girls who are leaving the McDougall Institute, to help them in furnishing their houses. An amusing discussion took place on the matter. It seems one of the girls is to be married to a Christian Indian shortly, and the others are engaged to be married. The Committee, in making the recommendation that the Board should help these girls to furnish their houses in a civilized manner, were moved by a desire to prevent their almost certain lapse into barbarism through the want of the household appliances necessary for civilized life, thus undoing the work accomplished in the school during a five years' course. It was also felt that a fairly well-equipped house in the camp would be a good object-lesson for the other Indians to learn from and to imitate. When the resolution was first presented it was agreed to, but when it was reconsidered some of the ladies feared it would be a dangerous precedent, and that it would be giving a dowry, which would cause strife among the young Indians. It was objected to as placing a premium on their school-girls of marriageable age, which would expose them to the envy of those less fortunate. It was finally agreed to make a grant of \$50 for an outfit to the Indian girl about to be married, and that the other two girls be not so provided, it not being certain when the nuptial knot would be tied in their case.

Mrs. Dr. Williams addressed the Convention on the subject of an Orphanage about to be founded by the Newfoundland Methodist Conference, and moved "That this Society make a grant of three or four hundred dollars toward it, say \$50 a year for each child, being amount donated to other Orphanages, the amount to be paid when the occasion arises. Carried.

The business of the annual meeting having been then finished, the benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BELLEVILLE
(BRIDGE ST.) WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
SOCIETY.

WE present this Fourth Annual Report with great pleasure, for we have the consciousness that we have kept up with the spirit of the age, which is progress upward and onward; and we are led to render sincere thanks to the Lord, who has so graciously smiled upon us.

Our membership has increased from 75 last year, to 112 this year, and our income from \$96.61 to \$246.06. Last year we had one life member, this year we have three, one of whom, Mrs. W. W. Chown, was made so by her husband, because of his approval of the workings of the General Board, and the other, Mrs. J. G. Frost, as a thank-offering for family mercies. Several donations have been received by the Treasurer during the year, one of \$10 from Mrs. R.

Reid, one of \$20 from Mr. Wm. Vandervoort, an old gentleman, in memory of his two wives, a fitting tribute to them, as well as of his respect for the Woman's Missionary Society; another of \$10, a thank-offering from Mr. J. G. Frost; \$5 from Mrs. Meacham, and \$1 from Mrs. Ezra Mallory, one of those who have resolved to devote a tenth of their income to the Lord. The sale of reports, collections at quarterly meetings, mite money, etc., bring the sum remitted by our Treasurer to \$246.06, as stated above. In addition to this amount, a special subscription of \$17 was made up among the members, and, with a parcel of clothing, was sent last fall to the Supply Committee, to be donated as was thought best, and later still \$11.40 was remitted to the same committee, to aid in the purchase of a sewing machine for the Girls' Home, in Victoria; of this \$5 was given as a thank-offering for that greatest of earthly blessings, continued good health during the year.

We have held eight monthly meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. Though the time allotted to these meetings has been nearly filled up with business, still they have been times of profit and of renewed faithfulness.

We have also held three Quarterly Union Meetings with the Tabernacle Auxiliary, to which the mission circle of sister churches have been invited, and which have been made interesting by programmes made up of letters from our own missionaries, by selected articles, by original papers, usually on mission work, and music. We are confident that these meetings have done great good, not only spiritually, but intellectually, and have been the means of developing talent that would have remained latent forever but for the quickening impulse of this great cause.

The Bridge Street Auxiliary was organized in March, 1884, during a visit of Dr. and Mrs. Meacham to our city when Japan was the centre of interest to our church, and the school at Tokio, then in its infancy, called forth the sympathies of Canadian Methodists. Mrs. Meacham, the honored mother of our missionary, was made the first president, and ably filled that position, laboring patiently through many discouragements to build up a society, but after two years, feeble health and family affliction led her to resign.

Several causes have contributed to the marked success of our Society during the past year, such as the meeting of the General Board, much enjoyed by our members, and the gracious revival with which our city was blessed in the spring; but we truly believe it is due still more to the Divine approval of the untiring energy of our noble president, the conscientious discharge of duty on the part of the other officers, and the ceaseless activity of some of the members—one of whom, Mrs. Elliott, a little woman with a great heart, deserves honorable mention. Instant in season, and out of season, working for this cause, even when taking her summer outing away from home, she has shown us what one woman with a loving heart and consecrated life can accomplish in this blessed cause, whose speedy and effectual success rests so largely upon our faithfulness.

Our hearts have been stirred lately in regard to the Chinese Girls' Home in Victoria, by an account given us by one of our members, Mrs. J. J. B. Flint, who, with her husband, visited British Columbia during the past summer. She placed before us a very graphic and thrilling word-picture of the Home and its inmates, as well as of the state of the Chinese as she saw them, so that we seem to have a greater interest in them, and they a stronger claim upon our sympathies than before. Mrs. Flint also cited an incident relating to Mr. McDougall's Indians, which, coming from an unprejudiced source, is a beautiful and timely tribute, just now, to the blessed influence of our own missionaries upon these people.

With you all we hope for better things another year, and

to this end we shall pray on, trust on, work on, believing that He who has so smiled upon our Woman's Work already, will permit us, sometimes, somewhere, to witness the full accomplishment of our desire, which is that the kingdoms of this world shall become the "kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ," and to swell with our voices the glad psalm of victory, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

THE Convention opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. Allen, of Sackville. Executive Committee meeting report of Tuesday afternoon was read. The roll call showed thirty-one delegates present.

Mrs. Macmichael, President, addressed the Society. On motion, resolved to send this address to the WESLEYAN for publication. Miss Palmer, St. John, Corresponding Secretary, then gave her report. She did not wish to overlap the reports of the delegates, but would tell something of the organization of new Societies, as her work had been chiefly with them. She spoke highly of Miss Stewart as a pioneer in the work, and said that but for the foundation laid by Miss Stewart, her own work could not have been done. She spoke of the great kindness of Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Campbellton, and Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., President of Conference, in helping her to organize auxiliaries on their circuits. Statistical reports: Number of Auxiliaries, 28, increase, 21; number of members, 558, increase, 427; number of life members, 15, increase, 12; number of mission bands, 8, increase, 5; number of mission band members, 155, increase 109. Total number of members, 848, increase 558. A standing vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Palmer for the excellent manner in which she had discharged the duties of Corresponding Secretary. The President then appointed committees on modes of work, memorials, literature, votes of thanks and nominations.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Mrs. Murchie, Miss Cochrane, St. Stephen; Mrs. S. Howard, Richmond, Carleton; Mrs. Akerley, Miss Thorne, Fredericton; Mrs. Macmichael, Miss Palmer, Miss Whittaker, Mrs. E. L. Whittaker, Mrs. P. Palmer, St. John; Miss B. Duke, Hampton; Mrs. H. Connacher, Campbellton; Miss L. Humphrey, Moncton; Miss A. Trueman, Miss H. Stewart, Sackville; Mrs. Carter Point de Bute; Mrs. Chappell, Bay Verte; Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. F. S. Moore, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Mrs. Strong, Miss Strong, Summerville, P.E.I.; Mrs. Vickerson, Bedeque; Mrs. D. D. Moore, Miss Crosby, Cornwall, P.E.I.; Mrs. Reid, Tyron, P.E.I.; Mrs. Turner, Albert; Miss E. Simpson, Gagetown; Mrs. Maggs, Sheffield; Miss Clark, Pownal, P.E.I.; Mrs. Briggs, Car. Co., and Miss Alice Black, P.E.I.

A model auxiliary meeting was held and discussed. It was conducted by Mrs. Dr. Johnson. It was resolved that all auxiliaries appoint a definite amount of time for their monthly meetings, and not go beyond that time. Reports were read from mission bands, greetings were received from the Baptist Woman's Mission Union.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday evening meeting was public. After singing by the choir, Mrs. F. S. Moore read a psalm, and Rev. J. Allen led in prayer. Mrs. Macmichael addressed the meeting on the claims of the Society. Mrs. D. D. Moore sang a solo, then followed the reports of Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, Miss Stewart. The total amount raised this year was \$1,611.78, an increase of \$982.17.

Miss Trueman, of Sackville, read an address of welcome to the delegates and visitors. Replied to by Miss Cochrane, of St. Stephen. A solo then followed by Mrs. Akerly, of Fredericton. A paper—"The Work and its Opportunities," written by Mrs. A. H. Eaton (Miss Hattie Smith), and read by Miss Duke, of Hampton. After a solo by Mrs. P. Palmer, Rev. R. Brecken, M.A., addressed the meeting. He contrasted the position of women in heathen lands with that of women in Christian lands. He showed that when Greece and Rome were in the highest state of civilization, the position of their women was far inferior to what it now is under Christianity. St. Paul may not have believed in church government by women; he certainly esteemed women very highly for their work's sake. The General Missionary Fund had increased more rapidly since the origin of the W. M. S. than ever before. Christ came as a physician, and he longed for the day when Canada would send forth medical female missionaries. These alone could gain admission to many places. Benediction by Rev. C. Stewart, D.D.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Thursday morning devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Murchie. Greetings were received from the Nova Scotia Branch, referring them to Romans xii. 5. Committees reported. Question drawer was opened and questions answered by President, Corresponding Secretary and others. On motion, resolved to send a memorial to Board of Managers asking for a change in Bye-laws Sec. 10. Miss Whittaker and Mrs. F. S. Moore were appointed to prepare a memorial. *An hour was spent in studying the constitution.*

A paper, "Why should a Mission Circuit have a W. M. S.?" was read by Mrs. Howard of Richmond. On motion, resolved to forward this paper to the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK for publication. A discussion followed in which several took part. The Branch then knelt and sang a consecration hymn. A paper on Mission Band Work was read by Miss Thorne, of Fredericton. On motion, resolved that this paper also be sent to the OUTLOOK for publication. A lively discussion then followed. Miss Palmer introduced the matter of mite boxes, and urged each lady to have one. Mrs. Akerley invited the branch to Fredericton to hold its next annual meeting. Invitation received with thanks. On motion, resolved that time of meeting be left to Executive Committee. The officers were then elected for the ensuing year as follows:—President, Mrs. Macmichael; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Chipman; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. Thorne; Corresponding-Secretary, Miss Palmer; Treasurer, Miss Hattie Stewart; Auditor, Mrs. Strong. Delegate to Board of Management, Miss Palmer, told of her visit to Belleville last year. Miss Stewart announced a donation of \$25 from Mrs. Brecken. Master Wood's box, \$2.32; mite box, \$3. By collection at public meeting, \$18.61. An addition to her report of \$48.93.

A request was sent by the Nova Scotia Branch, asking us to join with them in a memorial to the Board of Managers, to the effect that aid be speedily sent to Mrs. Tate of Chilliwhack. On motion, resolved that we heartily agree to send relief to Mrs. Tate.

On motion, resolved that each auxiliary pay the expenses of its own delegates.

On motion, resolved that the Corresponding Secretary send the papers for publication. Votes of thanks were tendered to the church choir, trustees of the church, and the citizens of Sackville, for the very hospitable manner in which delegates and visitors were entertained. A testimony meeting followed. Before the close of the meeting, Miss L. Clarke, of Pownal, P.E.I., offered for the Work. This ended a most harmonious and profitable convention.

FORT GEORGES, BERMUDA.

ACORN MISSION BAND (colored), St. George's, Bermuda.—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 dear old "honorary's," who take a deep interest in all our work. The McDougall Orphanage has been the "child of our adoption," and naturally claims our special care. Our sympathies have been drawn towards 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, and we have succeeded in collecting, from all sources, the sum of £18 8s. 9d. An entertainment given by the "Acorns" in the school-room of the church netted £7 1s. 10d. Collections at two public missionary meetings, £1 6s. 4d.; membership fees, £1 15s. 9d., and the contents of thirty-three "mite boxes," which have only been in use during a part of the year, realized the sum of £8 4s. 10d. We have found the "mite boxes" a most helpful way of raising funds, giving each member an opportunity of doing a share. We have had kindly help and cheer from friends at a distance—the "Reapers," of Brunswick Street (Halifax), Mrs. J. B. Willmott, of Toronto, and others. Our Band was presented with a beautiful motto, the gift of a few friends in Canada and Bermuda. Its text, "Serve the Lord with gladness," we try to make our watchword and inspiration. We can truly say that as a Band we have found our work has been real pleasure. Our monthly meetings have been well attended. The OUTLOOK and letters have provided interesting entertainment; beside these we have selected readings from many sources of missionary intelligence, all helping us to cheerful effort.

FANNIE E. BURCH, *Secretary.*

FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

ST. JAMES' STREET MISSION CIRCLE (Montreal).—The Third Annual Meeting of the Young People's Mission Circle in connection with old St. James' Street Church was held on September 18th. We give to God all praise for the way He has led us during the past year, so that we have been able to present to the cause of Christ the very creditable sum of \$193.25, of which \$80.27 was obtained from the mite boxes, which had been distributed among the members, wherein had been deposited sums varying from \$1 to \$12. But the chief feature of our work is not to be found in the mere accumulation of dollars and cents, as we believe the deep interest in the missionary cause manifested by our members during the past year to be the greatest element of success, and we feel it but our privilege to be able to say that this love for the work was inspired largely by the earnest addresses and prayers of our worthy President, Mrs. Ross, who has always given freely and cheerfully of her time and means for the advancement of the cause which lies so near her heart. We all mourn the recent loss of Miss Archibald, one of our most helpful and best-loved members, who since our last meeting has left this band of workers for Christ below to join the glorified circle above, where stand those who have washed their garments white in the blood of the Lamb. We look forward with increased hopes to our success in the future in our new church in the most central part of the city, we expect larger and consequently better meetings. May God help us to be more self-sacrificing, so that we may give with unstinted hand into the treasury of the Lord, remembering in the words of our motto for the past year, that it is "For His sake," and then we shall be able to realize in all the fulness of its meaning how much more blessed it is to give than to receive.

M. FROST, *Cor. Sec.*

GREENWOOD, WESTMEATH.—This Auxiliary was organized three years ago by Mrs. T. G. Williams. With gratitude we can report steady increase in love for the work, in members and finance. Our monthly meetings are seasons of benefit and refreshing; and, as we learn more about the work, and read the success attending the efforts in Japan, and other missions, we feel encouraged to go on and do all we can to help on this great and glorious work of spreading the light to earth's remotest bounds. Our public meetings help to inspire a missionary spirit and sympathy among our people, shown by their presence at our meetings and entertainments and by kindly donations. Our Society met with a great loss by the removal of our President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Wilson, loved by each member of the Society; the remembrance of her devotion to the cause, cheers and helps us on when our courage might lessen. She, no doubt, is a great help to this work in her new field of labor. From a concise report read by our Recording Secretary at our Annual Society, we find that we are this year \$20 in advance of our first year. Encouraged by success, we look forward to another year of work, hoping that many more may be induced to join our ranks, and thus hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

MRS. JAS. C. THOMPSON, *Cor. Sec.*

WOODSTOCK, N.B.—Last December Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, visited our town and organized an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Many of the ladies of the Church became interested in the work, and since then the membership has doubled itself. We have a membership now of thirty-two. One of the members, Mrs. Jas. T. Smith, is a life member. Since last December the Society has realized \$83.58. In September the meeting was held for the election of officers. Mrs. J. T. Smith, one of our most energetic church workers, was again elected President, her efforts of last year being a sufficient guarantee of her ability to fill that position. Mrs. Job Shenton and Mrs. William Smith were elected Vice-Presidents; Mrs. John Fisher, Treasurer; Miss Ella Smith, Recording Secretary, and Miss S. H. Shenton, Corresponding Secretary. Last year two entertainments were held to try and raise funds for the Society, and to interest the women of the church in the missionary cause. We are hoping for more success in the coming year, and trust that many more members will be added to our Auxiliary.

S. H. SHENTON, *Cor. Sec.*

KINGSTON—Our Annual Meeting was held September 14th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs. McRossie, *President*; Mrs. E. Chown, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Adams, *2nd Vice-President*; Mrs. A. Chown, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. W. A. Rockwell, *Corresponding Secretary*; Mrs. Skinner, *Treasurer*. *Committee*, Mrs. McCammon, Mrs. C. Chown, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Shaw. We have raised this year, \$230.88; Mission Band, \$85.70, making a total of \$316.58. We have three new life members, making a total of twelve, and fifty-six annual members, with an average attendance of twenty. We have formed this year an auxiliary in Queen Street Methodist Church. Have now two, one in Sydenham and one in Queen; and hope for increased interest, and trust God will prosper us and inspire us all with greater zeal for our work for the mission cause.

MRS. W. A. ROCKWELL, *Cor. Sec.*

JAPAN.

Extracts from a letter of MISS PRESTON'S, dated TOYO EIWA JO GAKKO, 14 TORII LAKA, AZABU, JAPAN.

THIS afternoon Miss Wintemute, Miss Morgan and I paid a visit to O—san, and we enjoyed it so much. She and dear little O—san have a beautiful home, situated on the summit of a hill overlooking a valley of rice-fields, pear orchards, and lovely gardens; their grounds are so beautifully kept, and are very, very pretty, with the clean walks, bright greensward, shrubberies and trees so nicely trimmed, and the brilliant hues of azaleas, crimson roses and pomegranate blossoms peeping out through the darker foliage. After we had seated ourselves (on the floor), refreshments, consisting of cake and tea, served in delicate cups and saucers, were passed to us, and then for some little time we looked at photographs. The only son of the family is at present in Germany, and many of the photos were the "shadows" of very prominent Germans—as members of the Royal family, Bismarck, etc., which had been given to the family by this son. We then went through the grounds, saw the beautiful Japanese maples, magnolia trees in flower—lovely large white fragrant blossoms—pomegranates, palm, fig, camellia and other either useful or ornamental trees. I forgot to mention that Mrs. — has three houses: Japanese, Corean and foreign—just in course of completion, and we first had the pleasure of inspecting the Corean house. This was made of Corean wood, and furnished in Corean style with Corean furniture. The wood was simply beautiful. The windows were very tiny, and I believe the houses in Corea have extremely low ceilings. This house had high ceilings, for comfort sake. All around the ceiling was the most beautiful work in bas relief, and the walls and ceilings were tinted a neutral shade of salmon pink. The floors were covered with Corean matting, and very old dishes, iron tea-pots, etc. which had been excavated in Corea, as well as valuable marble and other stone dishes of modern style, were shown us. Then O—san kindly favored us with some music on the *koto*. I rather liked the music, though it was certainly very melancholy. What a curious instrument the *koto* is! It takes so long to tune it, and it seems rather strange to foreign eyes, to see the player perform on her stringed instrument while sitting on the floor, and that, too, with *tsume* nails of man's invention.

We went to see the rice-fields, tea-plants and pear-orchards. Many of the rice-fields were flooded, some rice grown large enough to transplant, and in some had instances the rice had been transplanted. How very prosaic the tea looked after the high expectations of *something wonderful* I had unconsciously formed. Just mere green shrubs! I fancy the home friends would be amazed could they see the pear orchards. Small, low trees, with the foliage growing above frames some four or five feet from the ground, and the pears are very different from our fruit—so large, and with such a woody flavour.

On leaving the pear orchard, we went to see a very ancient temple, the roof of which was thatched with straw instead of the usual tiles. In the grounds were many stones carved to represent men

and women, and each one different from the others. Nearly every imaginable expression was portrayed—and I learned that this was done in order that the friends of the dead might perchance find out of the many one that resembled the loved one; and whenever such was the case, that stone became a god to be worshipped. On other stones were carved three figures. One with his ears, another with his mouth, and still another with his eyes covered. This was to teach that to that which is evil we must close our ears; also, we must refrain from *speaking* wicked thoughts, and cover our eyes from every impure sight. Just in front of the temple was a bell, resembling our sleigh-bells, which the worshippers ring to wake up the gods, and also a box into which they throw their money. Through an opening in the screen we could see inside, great bronze images, plated over with gold; the lotus plant represented in the same material; paper prayers, books, small images, a bottle of saki, and, in a dark recess, we observed a number of dishes, images, etc., in which corner O—san said they burned incense. Besides these, there were numerous other things, but I cannot describe them—time will not permit, nor could I do it satisfactorily. Not far from the temple was a wooden laver, in which the worshippers washed their hands before worshipping. One or two more things I must mention. We observed a small mirror in front of one of the images, Miss Wintemute inquired the object of it. The reply was given, that in olden times, when a worshipper looked in the glass, and saw a false or colored face, then his heart was impure; if his face was natural, then his heart was pure. While we were inspecting the interior of the temple, a woman—a servant, I presume—entered a side door and removed a cup of tea, which had been placed in front of each god to "quench their thirst." Also, near the gate, was the stone image of an old woman, placed on a stone foundation, and all around this image and on the ground were numerous stones. A worshipper picks up a stone from the ground, tries to throw it on to the ledge of the stone, just below the image. If successful, good fortune is the result. Three trials are allowed, one's fortune being measured by the success met with in throwing the stone.

Strawberries were served to us during the afternoon; and just before leaving, tea and cake were again passed to us. They tell me I am very busy now, teaching and studying. I enjoy my work very much. I find the girls very painstaking, and, as a rule, anxious to do what they are told. Miss Cartmell is often spoken of by the girls. They all love her. They seem to be very happy in their school-work, and with each other. Their literary societies are very interesting. I have been very agreeably surprised by some of their recitations, original dialogues, and compositions in English.

We teachers make a happy family, though meals are about the only occasions we can find time to meet together. They all work so hard and are so busy that leisure, except for necessary exercise, is rare.

It is getting late, and every one seems to have retired to rest, so I must draw to a close, and I seem to have said so little, although I have written a long letter. Really, there is so much to tell, I do not know where to begin nor where to end.

Missionary Readings.

SENT BEFORE THE MASTER.

(Luke x. 1.)

BY MRS. MERRILL E. GATES, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Air, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Isaiah	6. 8	"WHOM shall I send?" He sayeth;
"	"	"What servant shall it be?"
"	"	'Tis Faith's strong voice that prayeth,
"	"	"My Master, O send me!"
Gal.	1. 16	Send me to tell Thy story
Acts	22. 21	Abroad, or here at home;
Luke	10. 1	Send me, O Lord, before Thee,
"	"	Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
Acts	10. 39	Send me, for I have known Thee,
Acts	22. 15	I would Thy witness be;
Acts	5. 20	To speak Thy message only,
Romans	10. 15	My Master, O send me.
John	1. 8	Send me to speak of Jesus,
Luke	8. 39	Of what my Lord hath done—
John	17. 4	His finished work most precious,
Ps.	71. 16	Of this and this alone.
Ez.	34. 4	To bring the lost and sinning,
Heb.	7. 26	To Thee, the Sinless One,
Eph.	3. 8	To speak sweet words and winning,
John	17. 1	Of Christ, the Father's Son.
Isaiah	9. 2	Send me to darkest places,
2 Peter	1. 19	To many a shadowed home,
2 Cor.	4. 4	Where with Thy shining graces,
2 Cor.	4. 6	Lord Jesus, Thou wilt come.
Heb.	3. 2	Send me to work appointed,
Micah	3. 8	But, Master, let me be,
Acts	2. 4, 17	By thine own power anointed,
Acts	1. 8	Then, Master, O send me!
Ps.	115. 1	Not unto us the glory,
Luke	15. 24	When lost ones find their home;
Luke	10. 1	We only go before Thee
"	"	Where Thou Thyself wilt come!

THE SPREADING LEAVEN.

THE following incident, found in the correspondence of the London *Missionary Herald*, shows the leaven of educational influence in India. It appears that a few months ago, at Monghyr, a native gentleman in Government employ, and a former pupil in Dr. Duff's college, in Calcutta, sent in a request for a Zenana teacher to visit his young sister, who, having been left a widow, had come to live with him. She proved to be very bright and intelligent, and after a time she accepted the faith of the Gospel and desired baptism. But she feared to have her brother know of her purpose, lest he should take measures to prevent it. Her plan was to sacrifice the good home which he gave her in order to follow the dictates of her conscience. Her missionary friends, however, decided to tell him frankly of her purpose, and this was done. His reply,

as given to the Rev. Thomas Evans, who interceded for the new convert, reveals what we believe to be a growing conviction in the minds of educated Hindus. He said, "I am sorry my sister is taken up with such views, but I am not surprised, for I was myself, in my youth, on the verge of becoming a Christian, when my parents took me away from Dr. Duff's school and put me under other influences which have now brushed away all thoughts of Christianity. My sister is in want of nothing that I can supply her with; she is a very intelligent girl, and, as I think she must be sincere, I will not oppose her, though her baptism will bring great disgrace upon me and my family; yet I would rather bear all that than try to frustrate conscientious convictions.

BISHOP HANNINGTON'S FELLOW-MARTYRS.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING people everywhere have heard the story of Bishop Hannington's work and martyrdom; but the story of his fellow-laborers and converts and friends is not so well known. It was a grand thing and a brave for the Bishop to face without flinching the almost certainty of death; but it was, at least, an equally grand thing for those thirty men, women and children, who clung to him in his last trial, to endure without shrinking the martyrdom they did endure. Just think of it! thirty souls gathered from a people whose law for ages has been utterly selfish and brutal, found at a few moments' notice willing to die for Christ. Hannington, as you know, fell by the spear of the executioner; for these was reserved a more bitter and painful death. Liberty was offered them if they gave up Christ; if they stood by Him and His servant they had no hope but the flame; and to that fiery death went those thirty—not one man, woman or child drew back. This is what Christ could do for the brutalized African. This is the heroic example which unknown soldiers from the dusky ranks of Uganda have given the Church of Christ on earth to-day. Now go home, and say you do not believe in foreign missions. To say so is to contradict the teaching of Christ's Church, even from her earliest days.—*Rev. Dr. Wm. S. Rainsford.*

A FAITHFUL DOG AND A HEROIC BOY.—A few weeks ago two children wandered away in the hills of Oregon. They were not found until the next day at noon. A shepherd-dog, which was a household favorite, followed and guarded them during the long, dark hours when the rain came unceasingly down. No doubt the faithful creature protected them from the many wild animals in the deep woods. But the heroic deed of the older child remains to be added. He took his own little coat from his shivering body and put it on his weaker brother, saving him from freezing, while he endured in a cotton shirt hour after hour the keen blast of that mountain storm. Think of this from a child but six years old, and let any one who can say he is not as much of a hero as any of the full-grown Spartans of old, of whom the classics so eloquently tell.

Facts and Illustrations.

SATAN always rocks the cradle when we sleep at our devotion.—*Hall.*

IF Satan doth fetter us, it is indifferent to him whether it is by a cable or a hair, nay, perhaps the smallest sins are his greatest strategems.—*Fuller.*

AN infidel was introduced by a gentleman to a minister, with the remark, "He never attends public worship."

"Ah," said the minister, "I hope you are mistaken."

"By no means," said the stranger. "I always spend Sunday in settling my accounts."

"Then," was the calm but solemn reply, "you will find, sir, that the Day of Judgment will be spent in the same manner."

REV. DR. A. T. PIERSON, formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, is reported to have declared recently from his pulpit in Philadelphia, that for eighteen years his ministry was almost barren of results, and in explanation says: "God said to me, 'If you will give up the idol of literary applause, and give yourself to rescuing the perishing, I will give you souls.' I said, 'I will do it.' Within eighteen months God gave me more souls than in the eighteen years before."

SARAH HOSMER, of Lowell, though a poor woman, supported a student in the Nestorian Seminary, who became a preacher of Christ. Five times she gave \$50, earning the money in a factory, and sent out five native pastors to Christian work. When more than sixty years old, she longed to furnish Nestoria with one more preacher of Christ; and living in an attic, she took in sewing until she had accomplished her cherished purpose. In the hands of this consecrated woman, money transformed the factory girl and seamstress into a missionary of the Cross, and then multiplied her sixfold.

MR. DARWIN, with other scientific gentlemen, was aboard the *Beagle*, which was fitted up and sent to different parts of the earth for the purpose of investigations in botany, zoology and ethnology. He came to the conclusion that the Fuegians were so low in mental ability that it was impossible to raise them. Some time afterwards he wrote: "The success of the missionary establishment there proves that I took a very erroneous view of the nature and capabilities of the Fuegians," and he sealed his convictions with a £5 note to the South American Missionary Society.

WE should say that missions pay in Japan. Here are a few facts for the doubtful: At the annual meeting of the Evangelical Alliance of Japan, on January 10th, eighty-six churches were represented, reporting a membership of five thousand four hundred and ninety-eight. Seventeen churches not reporting bring the membership at that date up to a total of six thousand five hundred and ninety. The contributions of native Christians were given at sixteen thousand one hundred and sixty-six yen, about fourteen thousand dollars. Twenty-five years ago there were no native Christians and no Christian literature in Japan. The

increase of membership during the last year has been nearly equal to the total membership after seventeen years' work.

A DOZEN years ago a shopkeeper from a mountain village west of Ningpo was in that city on business. A missionary gave him a tract which on his return home he gave to a druggist's clerk of his acquaintance. This man had in vain sought for peace in Buddhistic rites and Confucian rules. The words of the tract entered his heart, and without waiting for further light he began at once to serve the God it spoke of as well as he knew how. For seven years without meeting any other Christian he kept the Sabbath and tried to live a Christian life. He then came in contact with a Chinese Missionary Society, and is now one of their best helpers.

A CHRISTIAN HEROINE.—Three years ago Miss Wilson, who is connected with the Friends, hearing of the need of a province as large as England in the west of China, with only one missionary in it, desired to go and labor there. When some wondered how she could manage a difficult journey of two or three months without any European companion she replied, "If you could go with me I should be glad, but you cannot. Is it needful to have a human escort? Is not Christ a living, bright reality? He has said: 'I am with you always, even unto the end of the world?'" Her journey was safely accomplished, and she has done much good work in that province since.

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