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[NEW SERIES.]

Field Notes.

THE Missionary Tracts announced in the last OUTLOOK are being used with good effect in many places. A new one entitled "Advance or Retreat—Which?" has been added to the list. Please

the past few years. We will supply them, post free, to ministers, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, etc. Send orders to the Mission Rooms.

A GOOD brother relates that he lately attended a Missionary Meeting where the choir sang, with great fervor and volume of sound, "Tell it out among the



THE INDIAN MISSION HOUSE, CAPE CROKER, ONT.

order at once. Sent in any quantity needed, post free.

WE have given orders for the manufacture of a manilla-board missionary box of a new and attractive design. It will be of pyramid shape, in bright colors, with appropriate texts, etc., and is more substantial, as well as much handsomer, than the one in use for

heathen that the Lord is King." But when the collection was taken up, not one cent did they give. We would fain hope that such cases are few and far between.

WE give this month a photogravure of the Indian Mission House at Cape Croker. The building, as will be seen, is very plain, but it is comfortable, and

well suited for its purpose. In front of the house stands the Missionary, Rev. Robert Carson, and beside him is the Rev. Geo. Buggin, now of Blythe, in the Guelph Conference.

THE Annual Report is ready and is being shipped to the various circuits as rapidly as possible. Brethren whose missionary meetings come on before the Report can reach them, will find an abstract in the present OUTLOOK that may answer their purpose.

A FEW months ago the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., wrote an article, entitled "The First Hundred Years of Missions," which appeared in the *Methodist Magazine*, and immediately afterwards was published in pamphlet form. Any of our ministers who did not keep the magazines containing the article, or did not get a copy of the pamphlet, will receive one free of charge by sending a post-card to the Mission Rooms.

SEND for sample copies of the OUTLOOK, and get up a club. It is one of the best means of introducing missionary literature into the home. Forty cents per annum, single copies; in clubs of eight (may be addressed separately), twenty-five cents.

THE *Missionary Review of the World* is so well known that the simple mention of the name inspires confidence as an authority on Mission subjects. The price is \$2 per annum, but by ordering through the Mission Rooms it can be obtained for \$1.50 per annum.

WE have just received the Report of the Inter-denominational Conference of Foreign Missionary Boards and Societies, held in New York in January last. A more extended notice will appear hereafter.

Editorial and Contributed.

The Campaign for 1893-94.

\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS is what the General Board asks from the Church for the current year. To raise this amount is quite within the ability of "the people called Methodists." It ought to be done. It can be done. We believe it will be done. Just think of it: \$250,000 means an average of only one dollar from each member of the Church, and one dollar a year means only *two cents a week*. Is there a single member, from Newfoundland to Vancouver, too poor to do this? We doubt it. We have often said that an average of *one cent a day* for missions, from every church member, is quite possible; and this would mean an income of *nine hundred and twelve thousand, five hundred dollars*, instead of the \$250,000 above mentioned, and we would have the Sunday School givings, legacies, etc., etc., all to the good. To realize such a possibility is worth earnest and persistent effort on the part of every loyal Methodist.

Missionary Deputations.

IT was announced in the October OUTLOOK that certain returned missionaries would be available for work during autumn and winter. Owing to certain action at the General Board, this announcement must be modified. Mr. Cassidy will not be available for missionary meetings, as he is allowed by the Board to devote his time to post-graduate studies. Mr. Saunby will spend November and part of December in the Maritime Conferences, and cannot take work in Ontario till after the New Year. Mr. Jennings will render service where desired as far as time will permit. Mr. Woodsworth will spend January and February in the central Conferences. Brethren may write to him direct at Brandon, Man.

The Secretaries will give all the time to the missionary campaign that other work will allow. Lists of engagements will be published from time to time as soon as work growing out of General Board meeting is over.

Advance or Retreat—Which?

[NOTE.—This article was published as an editorial in the OUTLOOK, and also in tract form, some years ago; but it is so pertinent to present circumstances that we republish it.—EDITOR.]

THERE are signs in the Methodist heavens of an approaching crisis in Missionary Work. We are not now referring to reduced income, and the meagre grants and consequent dissatisfaction which grow out of it; but to a much wider aspect of the question—one involving the very existence of the Missionary Idea. Shall the Methodist Church be found in the van of the host which seeks the spiritual conquest of the world; or, receding from her advanced position, shall she remain shut up in her entrenchments while others fight her battles and take her crown? These questions are pressing steadily to the front, and must be answered, and upon the answer the very life of Methodism in this land depends.

Let us try to get a distinct conception of the Missionary Idea from the New Testament standpoint. Let us write in large letters the divine commission, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" Then upon our knees let us ponder the words until their full scope is burned in upon the soul and see if they will comport with that timorous and selfish policy which would send the army into permanent winter quarters, leaving the enemy to gather strength on every side. What is the New Testament idea of missions? It is to send the Gospel to those who have it not. What is the idea that is growing up in the Church? It is to multiply indefinitely the privileges of those who have had the Gospel from infancy, and to leave the heathen to perish without help and without hope!

Beyond cavil, the issue is momentous. In comparison with this question, controversies about conference boundaries, and transfer committees, and superannuation funds, sink into utter insignificance. It is a question of life or death—a question between advance and victory, on the one hand, and retreat and disaster on the other. "The army that remains in its

entrenchments is already beaten," said Napoleon. True, and with tenfold emphasis, of the Church! Aggressive missionary work is at once the condition and evidence of the Church's life. To "begin at Jerusalem and in Judea"—to help those nearest our doors—is well; but if we stay in Judea, how shall the "witnesses" ever reach "the ends of the earth?" The Church that does nothing for the conversion of the heathen is already dying, and it ought to die—nay, it is already dead. Wrapped in the cerements of utter selfishness, bound hand and foot in grave clothes, it only awaits the formal rites of sepulture to be hidden out of sight.

But some reader may remark just here: "What you say is well enough as regards the general principle. Missions to the heathen are right, and should be sustained; but we have within our own borders all we can possibly do. The Methodist Church is not able to do the work required in our own land, and at the same time support missions abroad." Brethren! in the name of truth and righteousness let us no longer flaunt this wretched subterfuge in the face of Heaven! Have you ever gone carefully into this matter? Do you know whereof you affirm? Come, let us get at the points. You say—

1. "Our entire income, last year, was under \$225,000." That is true.
2. "Our missionaries in the home field receive very inadequate allowances." We admit it.
3. "In our own Dominion there is much land yet to be possessed." Yes; much more than the Church is aware of.
4. "Well, if our income is insufficient for the existing work, and there is need of a much stronger force in our own country, on what principle do you counsel an advance into the domains of heathenism?"

On the principle that the command "Go ye into all the world" stands unrepealed on the Statute-Book. God never makes a mistake. When he says "Go," He does not mean "Stay."

On the principle that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than it meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

On the principle that the Church has abundant means to sustain well the work she has now on hand, to meet all reasonable needs of our own country, and to extend her lines far into the dark realms of heathenism, where Christ has not been so much as named.

You doubt this? Let us see—

There are on our church rolls not less than 252,000 members. But suppose we deduct the Sunday School scholars who are members, and a few who are very poor, we shall still have a membership of not less than 240,000.

One cent a day for missionary purposes would be an amount within the power of the poorest of the 240,000; and this would give an annual income of \$876,000.

Then there are the Sunday Schools, with 240,000 pupils on the rolls. One cent per week from each of these would give us \$124,800 per annum.

Then there is the miscellaneous income, government

grants for Indian schools, bequests, and donations from "outsiders" who are not members of our Church or our Sunday Schools—a good \$25,000 more.

Add the above sums together and we have an income of over one million dollars per annum. And observe! at least nine-tenths of this would not represent a single act of self-denial for Christ's sake: it would merely be the overflow of our abundance—gifts not felt by those who gave them. Let contributions to this cause but swell up till they reach the point of self-sacrifice, and we hesitate to say what is within the possibilities.

What would this sum enable us to do?

1. It would enable us to give a living allowance to the men who are already in the field.
2. It would enable us to double our force in the Indian work, and meet all the needs of the North-West and British Columbia.
3. It would enable us to send fifty or sixty additional men into the French work in Quebec.
4. It would enable us to send to the foreign field, within two years, five hundred men.

"Pshaw!" says someone; "this is all very well on paper. But the thing is impracticable. The whole scheme is visionary."

Not half so "visionary" as the conversion of the world; not half so "visionary" as the predictions of prophets and the sayings of Christ; not one-millionth part as "visionary" as Christianity itself when the apostles first began to preach. We are not visionary. We "speak the words of truth and soberness." The Methodist Church can well raise the amount we have stated. If she does not, and the heathen are left to perish, who will answer for it at the judgment?

General Board Notes.

ONE of the annoying things in connection with the meeting of the General Board is the erroneous and misleading reports that find their way into the daily press. Thus it was stated in one paper that a discrepancy of \$200,000 had been discovered in the financial statement. This was utterly untrue. The financial statement was absolutely correct; but in a small tract printed for general circulation, the accidental omission of a single figure by the printer made it appear that the income of the Society was \$24,778.19, instead of \$224,778.19, a mistake so palpable that no one could be misled by it.

Another paper stated that as the assets of the Society so largely exceeded its liabilities, it was decided not to publish them. The simple fact is the bulk of the Society's "assets" consists of mission buildings in the French, Indian, Chinese and Foreign work, while the liabilities consist of unpaid balances on these properties. The statement prepared was for the information of the Board, and was of no particular interest to anyone outside of that body. As the Society has no intention of realizing upon its assets, it is none the richer because of them. But the report above referred to might lead many people to suppose that the So-

ciety was hoarding up resources in the shape of investments instead of using all available funds in its legitimate work.

A minister who was present during most of the sessions said, "It is seven years since I attended a meeting of the Board, and I am simply amazed at the vast increase of business." Another minister said: "This is my first experience as a member of the General Board, and I confess I had no idea of the amount of work devolving upon the Board and upon the General Secretary." These two brethren are representatives of a large class. Only those who have attended sessions of the Board, and have made themselves familiar with the details of the mission rooms, have any adequate conception of the amount of work to be done, or the care necessary in doing it.

Two important documents were laid before the Board by the General Superintendent. The one was a report concerning the work in Bermuda, and the need of exceptional treatment in regard to term of service and conditions of furlough. The other was a report of a visit to British Columbia, especially the Kamloops District, and made clear the importance of some method by which financial aid and efficient supervision could be given in establishing and developing the work in new and rapidly-settling regions. Verily, our Presbyterian brethren are wiser in their generation than the children of John Wesley—in this country at least.

Dr. Carman touched upon another most important point when he referred to his visit to the Christian Endeavor Convention at St. Catharines, the vast possibilities for good in such an organization, if wisely guided, and the possibility of friction between the various young people's associations and the General Missionary Society in the raising and expenditure of missionary money. The danger lies in the multiplication of organizations, and the starting of small, independent missionary efforts, instead of rallying to the aid of the established missionary organizations of the Church. Our hope is in the good sense and loyalty of the young people themselves. They can do much to strengthen our missionary work, and they can do much to weaken it by a divisive policy.

Another matter of great importance which came incidentally before the Board was a memorial from the Japan Conference asking for complete autonomy. We say "incidentally," because the memorial is addressed to the General Conference, as the legislative body, and came before the Board of Missions only for information. There can be no doubt, however, but that the whole subject will be carefully considered by the Board during the year, and that recommendations will be sent forward to the General Conference in September next. The question is one of profound importance. The whole tendency of the churches in Japan is towards absolute self-government; but at this early stage in their history there are practical difficulties in the way, requiring careful thought and wise handling.

It was foreseen that a number of questions pertaining to the constitution of the Missionary Society and the administration of its affairs would require the attention of the next General Conference. It was also foreseen that it would be quite impossible for the General Board to give the time necessary for a full consideration of these questions. It was therefore decided to refer all such matters in the first instance to the Committee of Consultation and Finance, with instructions to print the results of their deliberations, and send a copy to each member of the General Board in time for a thorough revision before the assembling of the General Conference. We venture to say that no more important matters will engage the attention of the Conference than those that concern our missionary work.

The Society's Anniversary.

ON the evening of Tuesday, October 10th, a fair audience assembled in the Centenary Church. Devotional services were conducted by General Superintendent Carman and Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D. The chair was occupied by the Hon. W. E. Sanford, who presided with his usual ability and tact, and choice selections of music were rendered by the efficient choir of the church. The following abstract of the Annual Report was read by the General Secretary:

To present an abstract of the Society's operations, even for a single year, is no easy task. The field is so wide, the work so varied, the incidents so numerous and interesting, that to condense the information without omitting much that would be eagerly read, seems to be an impossibility. And yet a bare outline is all that is practicable in a report like this.

THE FOREIGN WORK.

In Japan, after twenty years of labor, we have a missionary force, all told, of some sixty-four persons. This includes both foreign and native missionaries and all classes of native helpers who are supported, in whole or in part, by missionary funds, but does not include the agents of the Woman's Missionary Society. The number of communicants is 1,987; and the minutes of the last annual conference report 1,697 as the average attendance at public services, 1,445 children in Sunday schools, and church property valued at 66,433 yen, equivalent to about \$46,500. So far as material prosperity it concerned, the results are encouraging, and in some of the congregations there are cheering evidences of spiritual growth; yet it cannot be said that results, on the whole, have equalled the expectations which the missionaries and the Board alike were led at one time to cherish concerning the rapid spread of Christianity in Japan. Perhaps we expected too much, and did not make sufficient allowance for prejudices arising from race, religion and national sentiment, which in Japan, perhaps more than in any other nation, raise a barrier against the spread of an alien faith. Certain it is that for some years past converts to Christianity have not multiplied rapidly in Japan, nor has the attitude of the people towards Christianity been as friendly as many expected it would be. This condition of affairs is not peculiar to the missions of the Methodist Church. It is equally true of all Churches laboring in Japan, and shows that Christianity is now passing through a most critical period in the land of the rising sun. At the same time it is cheering to know that our missionaries abate not one jot of heart or hope, but confidently anticipate the triumph of Christ's kingdom through the length and breadth of Japan.

From West China, our new foreign mission, there are tidings of good cheer. Thus far the work has been of a preliminary kind, and the missionaries, with the exception

of Dr. Hart, have had to give the greater part of their time to the study of the language ; but gradually they are becoming better able to communicate with the people, and to tell them in their own tongue, wherein they were born, of the wonderful works of God. A good property, well located, has been secured in the city of Chentu ; the native buildings, with some changes, serve for mission houses, chapel, school, dispensary and the like. A day school has been opened with twenty-nine pupils, nine of whom are girls. The medical work promises to be of great service, and when a hospital is built and equipped, will be carried on much more efficiently. Two additional workers have been sent out during the past summer by the General Board, and two more by the Woman's Society, making a total of eight missionaries, four in the evangelistic, and four in the medical work.

The Chinese work in British Columbia is still carried on with good results. During the past year there has been a gain of thirty-five in the membership, and the converts of past years are, for the most part, standing firm in the faith.

THE INDIAN WORK

continues to absorb a good share of our missionary revenue ; but the results are a sufficient justification of the large expenditure. Extensive revivals are reported from the Port Simpson District, and the reality of the work is evidenced by the efforts of the new converts to reach their heathen countrymen and bring them to the Saviour. The Indian Institute at Red Deer has been opened with some fifty pupils, and more are ready to come when there is accommodation for them. The Institute building at Brandon is in course of erection, and when completed will have accommodation for about one hundred. At Chilliwack a building, to accommodate one hundred pupils, is almost ready for opening, and will be a boon of no small value to the Indians of the Pacific Coast. This building has been erected at the joint cost of the General Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, aided by a grant from the Indian Department, and will be maintained by the co-operation of the two Societies. In accordance with action taken at the last meeting of the General Board, the McDougall Orphanage has been assumed as a part of the regular work of the Society. At the present time there are over forty inmates, and if the building was enlarged the number could be greatly increased. These Institutes form an important agency for the education and uplifting of Indian youth, and have a strong claim upon the confidence and liberality of the Church.

THE FRENCH WORK

presents no new features. The missionaries toil on in the face of great discouragements, and have need of all the sympathy and support the Church can give. The most hopeful feature of the work at present is the Institute at Cote St. Antoine, Montreal, where, during the past year, some 80 pupils of both sexes have been trained in useful learning under Christian influences ; and not a few, since the Institute was first opened, have been led to a saving knowledge of the truth. Of the

HOME MISSION WORK

but little need be said. Its vast importance, especially in the new settlements of the older provinces, and among the pioneer population of the North-West and British Columbia, is well understood, and we are confident it will receive in the future, as in the past, the sympathetic care of the General Board and the cordial support of the Methodist people.

The numerical table for the past year can be studied at leisure in the pages of the annual report. In this abstract the totals only need be given.

Able and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Geo. T. Storey, President of the Newfoundland Conference ; Rev. John Macdougall, President of the Manitoba Conference ; J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., of Toronto, and Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., of Japan. We regret that space will not permit even a synopsis of the addresses, which were listened to with deep interest. Altogether the anniversary was a decided success.

TABLE I.—NUMERICAL.

DEPARTMENTS.	Missions.	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
DOMESTIC MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	37	33	4	..	..	37	3062
London Conference	20	20	..	..	..	20	2308
Niagara Conference	4	5	..	..	..	5	574
Guelph Conference	22	24	..	..	..	24	2495
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	34	35	..	..	..	35	4041
Montreal Conference	78	75	6	..	..	81	5923
Nova Scotia Conference	49	46	8	..	..	54	4462
New Brunswick & P. E. I. Con.	49	44	5	..	..	49	4450
Newfoundland Conference ..	55	46	11	..	..	57	7975
Manitoba and N.-W. Conf ..	79	68	15	..	..	83	4374
British Columbia Conf	26	26	..	..	..	26	1400
	453	422	49	..	..	471	41064
INDIAN MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	5	4	1	2	2	9	372
London Conference	6	6	..	4	4	14	821
Niagara Conference	2	2	..	..	2	4	351
Guelph Conference	2	2	..	1	1	4	199
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	4	4	..	..	..	4	123
Montreal Conference	4	3	1	3	..	7	170
Manitoba and N.-W. Conf ..	11	12	4	13	4	33	1212
British Columbia Conference.	13	10	6	6	..	22	1400
	47	43	12	29	13	97	4648
FRENCH MISSIONS—							
Montreal Conference	7	8	..	..	..	8	261
CHINESE MISSIONS—							
British Columbia Conference.	4	4	1	8	..	13	225
FOREIGN MISSIONS—							
Japan Conference	23	30	25	9	..	64	1987
West China	1	4	..	1	..	5	..
	24	34	25	10	..	69	1987
Grand Total.....	535	511	87	47	13	658	48185

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1892-93.

INCOME.	
Subscriptions and Collections	\$157255 35
Juvenile Offerings	27039 25
Legacies	3624 12
Donations on Annuity .....	..
Indian Department	13526 09
Miscellaneous	5333 38
Total Income.....	\$224778 19
Net Decrease	24607 54
Deficit.....	7205 05
EXPENDITURE.	
Domestic Work	\$102767 98
Indian Work	48898 00
French Work	8676 94
Chinese Work—British Columbia	5007 29
Foreign Work—Japan	21278 44
Foreign Work—China	5769 73
Special Grants for Purchase, Erection, or Repair of Mission Property	4127 20
Special Grants for Affliction and Supply	1449 32
Superannuated Missionaries	4900 00
District Chairmen's Expenses	935 24
Circuit Expenses	3739 13
Annuities	1470 00
Interest, Discounts, etc.....	4923 00
Publishing Charges.....	5194 17
Travelling Expenses	2145 79
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses.....	886 36
Superintendent of Missions, N.-W.T.....	1600 00
Salaries	5200 00
Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Clerk Hire, Printing, etc.....	3014 65
Total Expenditure	\$231983 24
Net Decrease.....	6702 34

TABLE III.—PERCENTAGE EXPENDITURE.

Showing how every dollar received last year was divided between different departments of the work.

	Cents.	Mills.
Domestic Missions	40	4
Indian Missions	25	1
French Missions	3	8
Chinese Missions (B.C.)	2	2
Japan Missions	9	1
China Mission	2	4
Mission Premises	1	8
Affliction and Supply	0	6
Superannuated Missionaries	2	1
Circuit Expenses	1	6
District Chairmen's Expenses	0	4
Annuities in consideration of Donations	0	6
Interests, Discounts, etc.	2	1
Publishing Charges (Annual Reports, Reward Books for Juvenile Collectors), etc.	2	2
Travelling Expenses	0	9
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	0	4
Superintendent of N.-W. Missions	0	7
Salaries	2	3
Rents, Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, etc	1	3
	100	0

Help for China.

SOME time ago Dr. Hart expressed the hope, in one of his letters, that a few hundred dollars would soon be forthcoming to procure a printing press and other material, so that the printing of Christian tracts, etc., so important in connection with Mission work in China, might be carried on in Chen-tu. A friend in Newfoundland is the first to respond to the appeal, as the following letter will show :

FOGO, September 22, 1893.

REV. WM. BRIGGS, D.D.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the *Guardian* that our Missionary in China desires a printing press. I have prayed and believe that the enclosed five dollars (which you will please forward) will help to form some sentence that will bring some soul to God.

A Practical Suggestion.

WE have pleasure in publishing the following note from the Rev. W. J. Kirby, of the New Brunswick Conference, indicating, as it does, his deep interest in missions, and the practical forms in which that interest finds expression :

BEDQUE, P.E.I., October 10, 1893.

DEAR DOCTOR,—Please find enclosed \$17.50, to be devoted to the Shidzuoka burnt church fund. I have had it some time, and we hoped to make it \$20, but cannot just at present, so I forward you the amount. I have attended seven public missionary meetings, and have been urging the congregations to take up the matter of the deficiency, and for as many as possible to become one of 18,000 to raise the amount this year above our regular subscriptions. I enclose my dollar extra and hope others will join until 18,000 have sent \$1 each extra. The meetings I have already attended, in some cases, have trebled the giving of last year. The new Summerside District, P.E.I., is going to make a good showing this year for missions. In ten years Bedque Circuit has raised its missionary giving from about \$118.00 to about \$740.00, including the W. M. Society.

AT the Cleveland Convention, Mr. R. E. Hudson, author of, "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light," led the singing at one of the sessions.

A Missionary Day.

THE following extract from a letter recently received is of interest, showing that the suggestion of a "Missionary Day" meets with cordial acceptance in some quarters. We will be glad to hear from others on the same topic :

Yesterday I was visiting with one of my people, an elderly gentleman, who is deeply interested in our missionary work, and who contributes \$50 yearly to the fund. He has, for a long time, been anxious that the Church should appoint a day to be observed by all our congregations as "Missionary Day," or "Thank-offering Day," or any other name best suited ; that the congregations then be asked for thank-offerings for missionary work. Such offerings to be over and above their usual contributions, and this day not to take the place of, or interfere with, the annual missionary meeting. He would like such a day to be an established institution, to be observed every year, when the people shall be asked for special thank-offerings to God, to aid in carrying on this very important department of his work. If the Church would take hold of the matter with half the zeal that the Salvation Army do the week of self-denial, it would be a source of large income.

More than a Coincidence.

A SHORT time ago, in conversation with a gentleman in this city, reference was made to our mission in China, and the importance of medical work as an adjunct. A few days afterward the same gentleman called at the Mission Rooms and said : "If a hundred dollars will be of any service in purchasing drugs for the medical work in China, you can have that sum at any time." A few days more elapsed, and the estimates from China came to hand, when among the items we found this : "For drugs, \$100." Was this only a coincidence, or was it an illustration of the old promise : "Before they call upon Me I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear?" Much prayer has gone up for the China Mission, and prayer is answered in small things as well as in great.

Methodist Missions.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

SUNDAY, October 8th, was observed in the Methodist churches of Hamilton as Missionary Day. The pulpits were occupied by members of the General Board, and in the evening the service, in some of the churches, took the shape of a platform meeting, with addresses instead of sermons. Reports show that all the services were well attended, and the collections liberal.

A pleasing feature of the Anniversary was a reception tendered by the officials of the Centenary Church to the members of the General Board. On Monday evening refreshments were served in the Lecture Room, after which a meeting was convened in the church parlors, presided over by S. F. Lazier, Esq. The chairman and the pastor of the Church, Rev. James Allen, M.A., spoke words of welcome, which were responded to by the Rev. Dr. Carman and the General Secretary. Brief but telling missionary addresses were given by Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A., late of Japan ; Mrs. Rev. D. Jennings, Port Essington, B.C.;

Rev. E. Robson, one of the pioneer missionaries to British Columbia; and appropriate remarks were made by Revs. J. Kines, J. S. Ross, M.A., and Dr. Potts. The whole service was very delightful and thoroughly missionary in its character.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Board met promptly at 9.30 a.m., in the parlors of Centenary Church, and after devotional services, proceeded at once to business. Details have already been published in the connexional papers, but our space will permit of reference only to the more important matters.

An abstract of the Annual Report was presented, which will be found in another column; also a statement showing that the expenditure for 1892-93 had been kept within the amount authorized by the General Board by nearly \$1,000. The following sub-committees were appointed:

Domestic Work—Rev. S. F. Huestis, Rev. James Woodsworth, W. M. Gray, Dr. Williams, W. H. Lambly, A. J. Donly, W. F. Hall and Dr. Heartz.

China—Dr. Douglas, A. Cunningham, J. S. Clarke, G. Webber, J. J. Maclaren, T. Lennox and C. Saunders.

Indian Work—E. Robson, J. McDougall, Dr. Hannon, T. Nixon and W. McGibbon.

Japan—Dr. Potts, J. S. Williamson, Dr. Evans, Dr. Shaw, J. R. Lavell and Mr. Sweet.

Resolutions and Miscellaneous Matters—Dr. Parker, J. Kines, Dr. Aylesworth, G. Storey, Dr. Inch, W. G. Smith and Hon. J. C. Aikins.

French Work—J. S. Ross, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Griffin, J. Kines, W. H. Lambly, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Holgate.

The General Superintendent and General Missionary Secretary are *ex-officio* members of all the above committees.

When the question of appropriations was called, it was agreed, after discussion, that the basis of appropriations to Domestic Missions be the same as last year, namely:

Ordinary Missions	\$750 00
Missions in towns and cities	850 00
" " Newfoundland	800 00
" " Manitoba and North-West	850 00
" " British Columbia	900 00

The total amount to be appropriated was fixed at \$220,000, but at a subsequent stage of the proceedings it was found that, with the utmost economy, this would not cover appropriations that must be made, and the amount was increased to a little over \$242,000.

In the evening the anniversary of the Society was held in the Centenary Church, a report of which will be found in another column.

A very interesting letter was read by the Secretary from the Indians of Port Essington. The writers thanked the Committee for sending them the Gospel, which had done them so much good. They would have been glad to have accompanied their beloved missionary, Rev. D. Jennings, to Ontario, but they were afraid of "the long ride on the steamboat-on-land," which is their designation of the railway. The reading of the letter was received with pleasure.

A letter was read from Rev. J. W. Saunby, intimating that owing to the state of the health of some of the members of his family he cannot possibly return to his loved mission in Japan. The Board deeply regretted this, and reluctantly accepted the resignation.

The General Secretary stated that he had attended a Conference of Missionary Secretaries and Treasurers in New York, called by the Board of the Presbyterian Church, to consider matters of practical interest common to all the societies. This visit had involved no expense to our Society; but it was likely another similar meeting would be held next winter, which might involve some moderate expense, and he would ask that the Committee of Finance have authority to deal with the matter. Whereupon Dr. Hannon moved a resolution which was unanimously adopted, authorizing the said Committee to appoint a representative, if judged expedient, to attend the next meeting, and to make a grant in aid of expenses.

In the evening another pleasant interlude occurred. The

members of the Board, by invitation, dined at Weasanford, the hospitable mansion of Senator and Mrs. Sanford. A couple of hours were very pleasantly spent, and the members of the Board returned to their work with renewed vigor. The remainder of the evening was devoted to Committee work.

On the third day of the session the reports of the various committees were under consideration. The substance of these have already been published in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*, and the more important will be given *in extenso* hereafter. The net appropriations for the year were adopted as follows:

Domestic Missions as follows:

Toronto Conference	\$7,023 00
London "	4,379 00
Niagara "	608 00
Guelph "	4,589 00
Bay of Quinte Conference	7,265 00
Montreal "	14,587 00
Nova Scotia "	7,860 00
New Brunswick "	8,529 00
Newfoundland "	14,121 00
Manitoba "	15,158 00
British Columbia	6,235 00
Japan	26,000 00
West China	7,835 00
Indian Missions—	
Central Conferences	14,558 00
Manitoba Conference	19,529 00
British Columbia Conference	20,414 00
Chinese, British Columbia	4,254 00
French, Montreal	4,375 00
French, Educational	3,265 00
Miscellaneous	51,683 00
Total	\$242,047 00

Removals are included in Domestic appropriations. A special grant of \$500 is not included in the above.

At 11 o'clock p.m., General Superintendent Carman offered prayer, and a very laborious, but pleasant and harmonious session of the Board came to an end.

An Appeal from India.

THE Decennial Missionary Conference, which met in Bombay last winter, has issued an appeal to the Churches of Christendom for large and speedy reinforcements; an appeal that startles by its brief statement of India's appalling needs, and is calculated to stir the coldest heart by its intense urgency. We have no idea that the Methodist Church in Canada will attempt another foreign mission for years to come, it might be very unwise for her to do so; but we publish the appeal if that so be it may reach the ears and hearts of some who are able to support themselves in the work, or may find an open door in some other Church through which to enter this inviting field. The appeal of the Missionary Conference is as follows:

TO THE SECRETARIES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN EUROPE, AMERICA, AUSTRALASIA AND ASIA.

BOMBAY, January 5th, 1893.

The members of the Decennial Missionary Conference of India, assembled in Bombay, overwhelmed by the vastness of the work contrasted with the utterly inadequate supply of workers, earnestly appeal to the Church of Christ in Europe, America, Australasia and Asia.

We re-echo to you the cry of the unsatisfied heart of India. With it we pass on the Master's word for the perishing multitude, "Give ye them to eat." An opportunity and a responsibility never known before confront us.

The work among the *educated and English-speaking classes* has reached a crisis. The faithful labors of Godly men in the class-room need to be followed up by men of consecrated

culture, free to devote their whole time to aggressive work among India's thinking men. Who will come and help to bring young India to the feet of Christ?

Medical Missionaries of both sexes are urgently required. We hold up before medical students and young doctors the splendid opportunity here offered of reaching the souls of men through their bodies.

The *Women of India* must be evangelized by women. Ten times the present number of such workers could not overtake the task. Missionary ladies now working are so taxed by the care of converts and enquirers already gained that often no strength is left for entering thousands of unentered but open doors. Can our sisters in Protestant Christendom permit this to continue?

India has fifty millions of *Muhammadans*—a larger number than are found in the Turkish Empire, and far more free to embrace Christianity. Who will come to work for them?

Scores of missionaries should be set apart to promote the production of *Christian Literature* in the languages of the people.

Sunday Schools, into which hundreds of thousands of India's children can readily be brought and moulded for Christ, furnish one of India's greatest opportunities for yet more workers.

Industrial Schools are urgently needed to help in developing a robust character in Christian youths, and to open new avenues for honest work for them. These call for capable Christian workers of special qualifications.

The population of India is largely rural. In hundreds and thousands of villages there is a distinct mass movement toward Christianity. There are millions who would speedily become Christians if messengers of Christ could reach them, take them by the hand, and not only baptize but lead them into all Christian living. Most of these people belong to the *Depressed Classes*. They are none the less heirs to our common salvation, and whatever admixture of less spiritual motives may exist, God Himself is stirring their hearts and turning their thoughts toward the things which belong to His Kingdom.

In the name of Christ, and of these unevangelized masses for whom He died we appeal to you to send more laborers at once. May every Church hear the voice of the Spirit saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them!" In every Church may there be a Barnabas and Saul ready to obey the Spirit's promptings!

Face to face with two hundred and eighty-four millions in this land, for whom in this generation you as well as we are responsible, we ask, Will you not speedily double the present number of laborers?

Will you not also lend your choicest pastors to labor for a term of years among the millions who can be reached through the English tongue?

Is this too great a demand to make upon the resources of those saved by omnipotent love? At the beginning of another century of missions in India let us all "Expect great things from God—attempt great things for God."

For the reflex blessings to yourselves, as well as for India's sake, we beseech you to "hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." The manifestation of Christ is greatest to those who keep His commandments, and this is His commandment—

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

A. MANWARING,
J. L. PHILLIPS, M.D.,
Secretaries, Decennial Conference.

THREE things to love: courage, gentleness, affection. Three things to admire: intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness. Three things to hate: cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to delight in: beauty, frankness and freedom. Three things to wish for: health, friends and a cheerful spirit. Three things to like: cordiality, good humor, and mirthfulness. Three things to avoid: idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting. Three things to cultivate: good books, good friends and good humor. Three things to contend for: honor, country and friends. Three things to govern: temper, tongue and conduct.

Along the Line.

CAPE CROKER.

YOUR missionary at Cape Croker is pleased to have to report some things of pleasant character from this field. The attendance at our services continues good. Attention and order are exemplary, even equal to what appears in some more favored localities.

Our Sabbath-school, though small, is active and like living. We take the publications of our "Methodist Book Room"; *The Banner*, the *Lesson Leaves*, *Pleasant Hours*, *Happy Days* and *Sunbeam*. These papers are by far the best we know of for Sunday-school use—fresh, wholesome and instructive to the minds of the young. The mechanical get-up—paper, form and illustrations are admirable.

The mission premises are in good order within and without. Visitors from a distance speak in praise of our new stone church, saying it is a very neat design and well executed.

As evidence of the fact that the labors of past years have not been in vain amongst our Indians, let me say that we have not heard the sound of an axe nor report of a gun on the Lord's day since we came amongst this people over three years ago.

Again, since our mission premises could boast of an "open shed," we have driven our rigs, summer and winter, under the shed, leaving robes, wraps, whips, satchels, etc., and have never had anything removed, except on one occasion when we had a political meeting and some very demoralizing speeches, and I missed my whip next morning. But on the Sabbath following I hinted that some very foolish boys had done a mean thing to their missionary by taking what was not theirs. As a result of my warning, I found the whip on Monday morning tied inside the gate. I mention this as an evidence of as much conscience in the Indian as can be found among some very intelligent white people.

Again let me say, that our County Judge has on two occasions had a pair of "white gloves" presented to him, because there were no criminal cases on the list, though in Bruce County we have two Indian Reservations. We can draw some pleasant inferences from this.

The foregoing statements are very gratifying to write, and will, we trust, be pleasant to the friends of the missionary cause to read, or hear. But our chiefest joy is to know that many of our dear people "die well"—not only peacefully and hopefully, but often triumphantly. It seems as if they are given some peculiar gift of forgetting guilty self and the troubled past, and of casting themselves on the all-sufficient Saviour without a doubt or a fear.

We have lost this year two of our best Indians. James Tomah, for many years Second or Deputy Chief—a member of the Council, an exhorter and class-leader. Brother Tomah was elected to attend Conference at Owen Sound, but on the early morning of the day he was to leave for Conference, he had an imperative call to a "Higher Court." His was a sudden and unlooked-for death. The other, Elijah A. Jones, a young man of good parts and of great promise, taught successfully our public school for a time, was superintendent of our Sunday-school and organist in our church up to the time of his marriage. He had made application to the Government for his enfranchisement and had prepared himself for the Civil Service, which he hoped to enter; but consumption came after a severe attack of la grippe, and he fell in the morning of his day, much lamented by Indians and whites so far as he was known. These things prompt your missionary to be more than ever diligent and faithful in his work, for we see surely our "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

In all this I do not wish to mislead, in any measure, our friends in the distance. Our work is of a very peculiar nature, and would be very discouraging to the missionary and Missionary Society if we were looking for our reward here. To our mind we seem to be as one called to a sick room to nurse a weak patient. The duty is imperative in the sight of God and humanity; the final recovery or future strength of our sick brother seems problematical. ROBERT CARSON.

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" THIS IS THE VICTORY, EVEN OUR FAITH."

N.B.—Communications for this Department post-marked after the 18th of the month will appear in following month.

N.E.—All subscriptions for the OUTLOOK must be sent to the Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

N.B.—Certificates of Life Membership may be obtained by addressing Miss Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings.

Our Monthly Reunion.

PRAYER TOPIC.

For the Chinese Empire; all the Chinese on this Christian continent; our work in British Columbia; and those sent by our Church to China as missionaries.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."—Isaiah ii. 2, 3.

CHINA is considered to be the greatest and most important mission field in the world, and the Chinese, as a people, are attracting the attention of the thoughtful among us in a very marked degree. When we reflect that the population numbers about 400,000,000, we realize how much effort, and how

steady, faithful and persistent that effort must be which seeks to set up the Christian standards in that country. Forty different organizations are laboring in that field, but one may well say, "What are these among so many?"

Rev. William Ashmore, of Swatow, describes the Chinese as a people of one language, one literature, one religion, one code of laws, one governmental administration, and one system of usages and social order. There are variations of dialect, yet no less than one hundred and fifty millions of them use one dialect. Dr. Ashmore says, "Of all the nations mentioned in ancient history and holy writ—and there were not less than seventy of them—only two survive to-day; one of them is scattered among the nations, the other is China." Our readers will be interested in the doctor's statement that "the key to great central Asia is Sychuan." The following are some of the reasons adduced by this writer in support of his contention that China is the most important mission centre to-day:

Their ability to endure vicissitudes, being physically tough and wiry, so that they readily adapt themselves to circumstances of change. Their intellectual make-up, one distinguishing characteristic of which is common sense. Not fanciful or whimsical, they are won to a cause by its practical value; and conclusions reached are retained with a "grip."

With the record of a mighty historic past, one can but believe that in the great world's future China may, in the providence of God, play an important part. It behoves the Christian world to move upon that great country in the name of King Immanuel, planting His standards and developing His teachings, and so influencing the thought and life of the people that Christianity may become a determining factor for their national life. In considering any of these countries from the standpoint of mission fields, we cannot forget the English populations who from purposes of trade and commerce, are found amongst them, and of whom missionaries on the ground so frequently speak as by their lives and conduct neutralizing the missionaries' work. Should we not remember all such in our prayers? To the oriental mind there is always a difficulty in distinguishing between the nominal and the real Christianity. There are said to be about fifty thousand men and women in China who have made an open profession of the Christian faith, given satisfactory evidence of change of heart, and been admitted to membership in the several Protestant churches. In addition, there are probably a hundred thousand more who are regular attendants at churches, and these gains have resulted from only twenty-five years' work. Surely this is encouraging.

The Chinese of this Christian continent have certainly a claim upon us, not only for prayer but for an earnest and intelligent interest in their case. Prejudice is the most unyielding of all influences that operate upon the human heart, and the prejudice against the Chinese has helped two nominally Christian countries to legally violate God's primary law of the brotherhood of the race. Did He not make of one blood all the nations of the earth? How hard

it is to win acknowledgment for this truth! Upon what principle of Christianity can Christians sanction the Chinese Exclusion Acts. Is it not a reproach to us Canadians who send our missionaries to convert the Chinese, that when they would enter our ports we treat them as chattels, and exact a fifty dollar due from them? Is it not time that Christian sentiment should determine on the abrogation of such a disgraceful law? Only the other day, a returned missionary, who had married a Chinese Christian lady, was compelled to pay this tax before his wife could enter Canada. Think of it! And why this peculiar distinction of Chinese? Are we not admitting free every day the offscouring, so to speak, of the slums of the Old World, the drunken, the vicious, and oft-time the criminal element? Ah! but, says one, the "Chinese work so cheap," they compete with our labor interests. Without entering upon a discussion, for which there is but little space, may we not suggest here, a study of this subject, instead of the too ready adoption of ready-made opinions. If in the providence of God the Chinese find their way to Christian America, let us do the Christian part. Let us recall the fact that Canadian charities are being constantly called forth for the hordes of European paupers who have emigrated, sometimes by assisted passages, to our shores, while these poor, despised Chinese prove themselves thrifty and industrious from the start; and even if they do, as is asserted, save their earnings to return to their own land, do not others do the same? Let us remember they have given value in labor, and have earned the right, like all toilers, to spend as they see fit. May not prayer "for the Chinese on this Christian continent" well include also prayer for their Christian treatment?

Our work in British Columbia is familiar to all our readers, from the letters of our missionaries there which are always so interesting to us, and need not be enlarged upon here. We can only urge upon all members the importance of prayer on all these lines, and the confidence which we have that if we ask anything in His name, we have the things which we desire because He heareth us.

We think the missionaries in China and all other distant fields, surrounded by heathenism, deprived of the privileges to which they were born and which they enjoyed so constantly in the home land, must need in an especial manner the uplift which a praying Church can give them. The assurance of sympathy and prayer conveys a sustaining power which must be often needed; and the feeling that we are responsible in a good degree for their presence at the front, that we are together working for the same blessed accomplishment, that their success is ours, under God, should lead us to constant, fervent, believing prayer on their behalf. So may it be!

Chat with the Editor.

OWING to sickness in the family, your Editor was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the Annual Meeting, and very seriously does she regret losing the opportunity of inspiration which

comes to the workers in their yearly assembly. Accepting for the eighth time the trust imposed upon her in this department, she looks to the membership to aid in rendering it a welcome visitor to the homes of the Church. Kindly do what you can, dear sisters. It is your paper, scatter through it the seeds of such thought and inspiration as God gives you to make you a helper of others. A good paper, with godly aims, is one of the best of missionaries. Think of the blessed influences that have come to you by the expressed thoughts of others. Pass them on. Many kind expressions have come to us concerning this department from workers in other Churches as well as our own, some of which might be repeated here if we could feel justified in using the space. From England, Australia, and several States, as well as from parts of our own country, from ministers and others, come kind words of appreciation and good wishes, which bid us be of good courage. The opportunity of presenting the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canadian Methodism to readers in so many countries should be a stimulus to our workers. Let us try to make it still more expressive of our principles and work, and still more helpful. Though it be but a part of the missionary paper of the Church, we may use it to good purpose in the advocacy of all those holy principles of true Christian living which are embodied in the progressive thought of the day. Woman's work for woman in all lands, her work in the Church, in that great Home Mission enterprise—the temperance cause, her place and power and influence in all the departments of life with her brother, co-workers each with the other, both with God for the upbuilding of His Kingdom, all this and much more express the lines on which we have a missionary work to do by educating sentiment. The great commission to "preach the Gospel to every creature" has no limited construction. It reaches out to every need of our great humanity, and only when you have fully defined the broad meaning of the Gospel of Christ have you defined the work He gives us to do. To help to show how the principles of this Gospel must underlie every phase of human conduct is a part of our work. The life of the saved soul must demonstrate these very practical Christian truths. To help to save souls is the primary object of our existence as a Society. To lived saved every day, the life a living testimony, is required of us as individuals. And we would that our department should be not only a formal record of work done but a feeder and helper of the spiritual life, also. To this end we invite your co-operation, sisters, asking for short articles upon any topic kindred to the work we are engaged in, or your experience in it. To our missionaries we extend the request for letters, items of interest, religious experience in your work, as often as you can, that we may become the means of binding more closely in the bonds of comradeship the workers at home with their agents abroad.

ENTER into the sublime patience of the Lord. Be charitable in view of it. God can afford to wait; why cannot we, since we have Him to fall back upon?

Notes from Room 20.

THE Board of Managers has arranged for an amalgamation of *Our Quarterly* and *Palm Branches*, a Mission Band quarterly hitherto published by the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch. The new publication will be issued monthly, under the name of *Palm Branches*, and is the official organ of our Mission Band department. The subscription price is 10 cents a year, beginning with January, 1894, and is directed by the Board to be sent to Miss Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

It was also ordered that the price of the Annual Report remain the same as last year, namely, 5 cents. Will Auxiliaries please forward their orders and remittances to Miss Ogden, *now*, that there may be no delay in sending out the Reports as soon as they are printed?

Will friends ordering goods from Room 20 please remit by money order or bills, and, if they cannot avoid sending stamps, kindly remember *not* to send the three-cent denomination, if smaller or larger can be bought?

The Literature and Publication Committee was authorized to issue a Missionary Calendar for 1894. The arrangement of the printed matter will be changed, but the subjects for prayer and study for the month, and the birthday feature, will be continued. The price will be 15 cents a copy, \$1.80 a dozen. It will be readily seen that it is advantageous to order *now*, as the Calendar, when ready, will be sent out in the order in which remittances were received. Address, Miss Annie L. Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

Branch Annual Meetings.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH.

THE Western Branch began its eleventh annual meeting in the Methodist Church, Listowel, at 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3rd, Mrs. Burns, President, in the chair. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. Dr. Fowler, who chose appropriate passages from the Psalms, followed by prayer by two ladies. The roll of delegates gave an attendance at the opening of 110, which was afterwards increased to 114.

The president selected the Nominating Committee, being the three conference organizers. They reported the convention divided into the following committees:—Memorials and Resolutions, Mrs. Dickson (convener); Modes of Work, Mrs. Dr. Fowler (convener); Organizers, Mrs. Scarff (convener); Mission Bands, Miss Dickson (convener); Courtships, Mrs. Dr. Burns, Hamilton (convener).

MEMBERS DECEASED.

A most tender and solemn service in memory of "our promoted members" was led by Mrs. Phelps, of Mount Pleasant. Altogether thirty-two names were given, and, in most cases, some member of the convention was ready with graceful and sympathetic tribute to lives spent in Christian service, sufferings borne patiently, and death welcomed as an entrance to the greater glory. The following are the names, the residence of a few not being given:—Mrs. Fisher, Burlington; Mrs. Tucker, Brantford; Mrs. Dalton; Drs. Dutcher, Burford; Mrs. Colbeck, Mrs. Nott, Miss G. Robinson; Mrs. G. Ritchie, Charing Cross; Mrs. Upper, Ingersoll; Mrs. F. Griffith, South London; Mrs. Dufton, South London; Mrs. Torrance, Milverton; Mrs. Sherwood, St. Catharines; Mrs. Taylor, St. Catharines; Mrs. Bridgeman, Smithville; Mrs. Bartholomew, Vanessa; Mrs. Rev. Ames, Woodstock; Mrs. Towler, Wingham; Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Mrs. Porte; Miss Denel, Port Dover; Miss Bethell, Queen's Avenue, London; Mrs. Griffin, Centenary Church, Hamilton; Mrs. Ball, Brantford; Mrs. Hockey, Brantford; Mrs. Cox, Brantford; Mrs. Brown, Nanticoke; Miss Kniffen, Port Dover; Mrs. C. Ross, Niagara Falls

South; Miss Orchard, Niagara Falls South; Mrs. Greenwood, Dundas; Mrs. G. Partlo, Dereham; Mrs. Wilson, Oakland; Mrs. Silverthorne, Cheapside.

The afternoon session was closed with a short address by Mrs. Dickson, London, on "Our French Work, the Difficulty and Discouragement of the Workers, and the Incentives to Continue."

TUESDAY EVENING.

The evening session was addressed by Mrs. E. R. Young, lately returned from the North-west, who gave a very instructive and interesting address on "Our Work Among the Indians."

Mrs. Mason, also a missionary among the Indians at Muncey, gave a very pleasing address.

Mrs. James, of Listowel, read a beautifully worded address of welcome to the visitors, which was replied to by Mrs. Gayfer, of Hamilton.

Mrs. J. Bonnett, on behalf of the Baptist Mission Society, and Mrs. F. Tamblin, on behalf of the Congregational Church Mission Society of Listowel, read addresses of welcome.

There was a large attendance, and the prospect for continued interesting meetings was encouraging.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.

After devotional exercises led by Mrs. Smith, the balance of the morning's session was taken up with committee work.

At the afternoon session devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Risdon, St. Thomas.

The next order of business taken up was "Memorials and Resolutions." The following resolution was presented by the Dundas Methodist Church, London: *Resolved*, "That we do record our solemn protest against the iniquitous methods used to raise the revenue for the Anglo Indian Government by way of the opium and liquor traffic, believing that the ruling power that makes merchandise out of the vices of its subjects is below the level of a savage nation; and further, we do call upon the English Government to make the pending examinations of Indian military authorities for violation of English law in their cantonment immoralities as searching and severe as possible, and with consequences to the offenders that may deter from such further crimes; also resolved, that we view with regret the weak attitude in the presence of such awful evils of the recent decennial conference held in Bombay, and while we heartily commend the brave men who did their utmost to induce the conference to face and condemn the opium and liquor traffics and the State regulation of vice, we can but feel that the cowardice of a powerful majority has given a blow to the cause of reform in India, and shocked the moral sense of the Christian world; further resolved, that the Board of the W.M.S. be requested to take action in the matter and to forward copies of these or similar resolutions to the English Government and to the head of the Methodist Mission in India."

A similar resolution was presented from South London Auxiliary. Both memorials were accepted.

MEMORIALS.

From the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas:

Resolved, "That any memorial not entertained by the Branch meeting shall not be passed on to the annual Board meeting." Adopted.

Resolved, "That the salary of a missionary returning home on furlough cease with the expiration of their term of service." Rejected.

Resolved, "That the monthly letter *Leaflet* is no longer necessary as a means of information, and that its publication be discontinued." Rejected.

The following notices of motion were read and accepted:

"That mission band corresponding secretaries be made members of the Board of Managers, but not of its Executive."

"That Article 5, Section 1, of the constitution, be amended to include as a member of the General Board of Managers, *ex-officio*, the secretary-treasurer of the literature and publication department." Further, from British Columbia Branch—"That whereas the auxiliaries in this province

are more widely scattered than those of the eastern provinces, and as many of our members attend the Annual Conference, we respectfully petition the Central Board to allow this branch to change the date of its annual meeting so as to correspond with that of the British Columbia Conference."

The notice referring to the change of the words "women and children" to "women and girls" was rejected.

Resolved, "That this branch requests that a committee be appointed by the General Board, at its meeting in October, 1893, to confer with the General Conference in view of asking for a monetary interest in the *OUTLOOK*." Carried.

Another recommendation was that the changes made in the printed report be sustained, and the date of the inaugurations of the society be adopted. Accepted.

Mrs. Cunningham suggested that ladies exercise caution with regard to sending out clothing to the more remote mission stations; that the cost of freight does not exceed the proportionate value of the contents of the box. Carried.

Resolved, "That this Branch meeting recommends each auxiliary in the Niagara Conference to make arrangements for Woman's Missionary Day as early in the year as will be agreeable to all concerned, especially as towards the end of the Conference year other funds are needing attention." Carried.

The committee also recommend, "That this Branch does not see its way clear to issue a calendar for the Branch, but recommend that the sample sheet prepared by Mrs. Walker, Glencoe, be sent to the General Board, with request for its acceptance if thought suitable." Carried.

ORGANIZERS' REPORTS.

No. 1. Your committee recommend that district organizers presenting themselves at the annual meeting of the Branch shall be entitled to the privileges of the convention and also to a billet.

No. 2. Your committee recommend the advisability of the district organizers reporting half-yearly to the Conference organizers, thereby keeping each other in close touch and communication.

No. 3. Your committee recommend that organizers appoint some one lady on the unorganized circuits to distribute the Scattered Helpers and mite boxes, thereby creating interest in the work, and that they use their influence with the auxiliaries now organized to use the same.

Mrs. Jackson gave the report of the Niagara Conference districts separately, which was adopted.

Niagara Conference consists of 8 districts, 112 pastoral charges, 37 stations, 69 circuits, 4 domestic missions, 2 Indian missions; on the stations there are 28 auxiliaries, 38 auxiliaries on circuits; total, 66 auxiliaries. Hamilton—9 stations and 9 circuits; 6 stations and 3 circuits are organized; District Convention held in Caledonia; 6 mission bands. St. Catharines—The circuits and stations, 13 in number, are all organized; 2 mission bands. Brantford—15 circuits and stations; 9 organized; District Convention held at Copetown; 2 mission circles and 5 mission bands. Woodstock—16 circuits, 6 organized. Simcoe—13 circuits, 10 organized; 2 mission bands; District Convention held in Simcoe. Milton—11 circuits, 9 organized; District Convention held in Milton. Welland—14 circuits and auxiliaries; favorable resolution from District Meeting. Norwich—11 circuits, 8 auxiliaries and 5 mission bands; District Convention held in connection with Simcoe.

Guelph Conference—Mrs. Scarff, organizer. This Conference comprises 13 districts, with auxiliaries as follows: Guelph District—7 auxiliaries; 9 circuits vacant. Galt District—3 auxiliaries; 5 circuits vacant. Stratford District—4 auxiliaries; 5 circuits vacant. St. Mary's District—4 auxiliaries; 4 circuits vacant. Goderich District—12 auxiliaries; 2 circuits vacant. Kincardine District—3 auxiliaries; 6 circuits vacant. Wingham District—4 auxiliaries; 6 circuits vacant. Palmerston District—3 auxiliaries; 6 circuits vacant. Listowel District—3 auxiliaries; 6 circuits vacant. Walkerton District—2 auxiliaries; 8 circuits vacant. Mount Forest District—3 auxiliaries; 7 circuits vacant. Owen Sound District—4 auxiliaries; 8 circuits vacant. Warton District—vacant. Total, 54 auxiliaries. New auxiliaries, 7. Accepted.

The London Conference organizer, Mrs. Wright, presented her report as follows:

London Conference—9 districts, 97 circuits and 25 mission stations; have 48 auxiliaries and 29 mission bands and circuits. Sarnia—8 circuits and 7 mission stations, 2 being Indian reserves, 3 auxiliaries, 2 mission bands; Mrs. Bond went before the District Meeting, where a resolution favorable to the W.M.S. was passed. London—15 circuits, 1 mission station, 14 auxiliaries and 7 mission bands; District Convention held, and the organizer went before the District Meeting and was favorably received. Strathroy—12 circuits, 4 mission stations, 2 auxiliaries and 1 mission band. Exeter—10 circuits and 1 mission station, 2 auxiliaries. Windsor—17 circuits and 1 mission station, 5 auxiliaries. Chatham—15 circuits and 3 mission stations. Ridgetown—11 circuits and 3 mission stations, 5 auxiliaries; the organizer went before the District Meeting and was most favorably received. St. Thomas—17 circuits, 12 auxiliaries, 4 mission circles. Aylmer—11 circuits and 2 mission stations, 4 auxiliaries; District Convention held.

Invitations from Strathroy and St. Thomas were read, and Strathroy was accepted as the next place of meeting.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND COMMITTEE.

1. Your committee recommend that in view of the fact that Epworth Leagues and other Methodist young people's societies are, in their missionary committees, working along the same lines as mission circles and mission bands, and in view of the further fact that a union of these societies might be in the interests of the cause of missions, your committee would recommend that the Board of Managers appoint a representative or representatives from each Branch to confer with a committee from the General Conference to meet next autumn. Carried.

2. Your committee recommend that a member of each mission band be appointed to work up an interest in and circulate *Our Quarterly*. We also recommend that where there is no delegate from mission band or circle, that the delegate from the auxiliary be asked to notify the mission band or circle of this and other recommendations. Carried.

3. In order to make an effort to scatter missionary literature, your committee would recommend that the mission band corresponding secretary be requested to write to the corresponding secretary of mission band or circle where next Branch meeting is to be held, authorizing her to purchase missionary literature and charge the same to Branch meeting, so that she may acquaint herself with it and thus be able to more intelligently meet the needs of the various mission bands and circles represented by delegates. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mrs. Risdon, and carried, "That any sums paid by gentlemen to auxiliaries be entered as donations, and not as membership fees, thereby avoiding the confusion of honorary and active members, and that this be sent on to the Board."

In the evening, the chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Willoughby. Prayer was led by Rev. Mr. Fisher, and the Scripture lesson was read by Rev. R. Williams.

Mrs. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary, gave her annual report, which, under the circumstances of the year, was most encouraging. The items are as follows: New Auxiliaries, 23; Mission Bands, 29; total, 160 Auxiliaries. Mission Bands, 50; annual members, 3,700; increase, 200. Life-members, 223; increase, 30. Total membership, 3,923; increase, 230. Mission Band members, 1,731; increase, 6. Amount raised by Auxiliaries, \$40,431; increase, \$536.28. Of this amount the Bands raised \$2,104.47.

Mrs. Williams, Treasurer, followed with her report, as follows: Receipts from 160 Auxiliaries, first quarter, \$1,528.44; second quarter, \$1,719.15; third quarter, \$1,804.42; fourth quarter, \$5,374.62; total, \$10,431.98.

Miss Preston, lately returned from the work in Japan, was introduced, and for nearly an hour held the close attention of the large audience with her graphic recital of the position of women in Japan. Incidents, both sorrowful and amusing, were given to show the inferior position which woman holds even in that refined and civilized country.

The power of Christianity to raise both husband and wife was touchingly illustrated. As Miss Preston's work has been almost entirely evangelistic, she had almost unlimited opportunity of becoming acquainted with the sadness and injustice, as well as the pleasure, of woman's life in Japan, the sorrow being by far the most prominent feature of her life.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Mrs. Cullen, of South London, took charge of the devotions, which included prayer by Mrs. Sharpe.

Several members of the Courtesy Committee being absent, the following ladies were added: Mrs. Burns, Caledonia; Mrs. Ross, Woodstock; Mrs. Mayell, London; Mrs. Scarff (convener).

The Corresponding Secretary's report was considered in detail, and accepted.

The Committee on Modes of Work suggested that in districts where there are two or three small Auxiliaries, they should ask permission of the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch and amalgamate, and send one delegate. Carried.

The committee also recommended that in all places where there are post-office facilities, the money sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, of Galt, be sent either by post-office order or cheque, and not, as heretofore, in stamps. Carried.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson, London; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, London; Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands, Miss Dickson, London.

Delegates to General Board meeting at Ottawa, October 17th: Mrs. Jackson, Caledonia; Mrs. Wright, South London; Mrs. Williams, Galt; Mrs. Gayfer, Hamilton; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Mrs. Dickson, London; Mrs. Risdon, St. Thomas; Mrs. Scarff, Guelph; Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Carson, Listowel; Miss Dickson, London. The last two alternates.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Mrs. Burns, President, in the chair. The church was packed on the occasion of Mission Band evening, when a pleasing and instructive programme was carried out by the young people.

The Misses McDowell and Messrs. McDowell and Dilworth rendered several selections most artistically, and added much to the interest of the evening.

Three papers on various aspects of China were given by Misses Fowler, London; Hardy, Hamilton; and Horning, Brantford. They were well received, and were thoughtful as well as graceful.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dickson, gave her report: Number of new Bands, 8; dropped, 8; total, 50; number of members, 1,731; increase, 6; paid to Branch Treasurer, \$2,153.94; increase of \$74.81.

By resolution, the Committee on Courtesies returned thanks to the pastor of the church, to the trustees for the use of the church, and to the choir for their services, to the ladies of Listowel who so kindly opened their homes, to the Morris Piano Co. for kind invitation and attention, and to all those who have contributed in any way to the interest of our meetings. Carried standing.

The award of the prize banner to Wilsonville Mission Band was received with applause. Mrs. Phelps, in coming forward to receive it, said that the Band had been well mothered, as the auxiliary has a history of faithful and zealous work.

Dr. Willoughby and Mrs. Burns closed the meeting with a few parting words. A. G. McMECHAN, *Rec. Sec.*

As a result of Mr. Moody's evangelistic meetings in Ireland, a general revival interest prevails. It has taken hold of the Roman Catholic population, and several have been converted to Christ. The converts are holding meetings, and are winning others of the same belief to real faith in Jesus.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE Eleventh Annual Meeting of Central Branch W.M.S., opened in Queen Street Church, on Tuesday, October 10th, at 10 o'clock, the President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, and Mrs. Gooderham opened the meeting with prayer. Over two hundred delegates attended the meeting, which was one of the best ever held; the programme was exceptionally good, and was carried out smoothly and promptly, business being carried on with precision, and last, but not least, the weather was beautiful, and all the delegates returned to their homes feeling that "it had been good to be there."

The Memoriam service conducted by Mrs. Rev. G. Brown was most impressive. As name after name was spoken of those who had passed away from our auxiliaries during the year, a solemn hush fell over the assembled women, and we all felt that the other world was not far from any of us.

The report of the Executive Committee for the year was read, showing that they had met four times during the year to consider matters of interest to the Branch. The circular letter to auxiliaries regarding reporting by Districts at annual meeting, instead of each Auxiliary doing so; also the consideration of division of Branch and the arrangement of programme, were the principal features of this report.

In order to make the best possible use of the time at our Annual Meeting, the Executive had decided to recommend that "instead of setting apart a time for committee meetings, the work shall be done in committee of the whole meeting." According to this, the meeting was resolved into committee of the whole, and memorials were received and discussed.

Tuesday afternoon.—Mrs. Massey, Wallbridge, conducted address, which was very practical and helpful. A standing the opening exercises. The President then gave her annual vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Williams as a mark of the thorough appreciation of her thoughtful address.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Briggs, gave her annual report, showing that nineteen auxiliaries had been organized during the year; twelve had decided to drop the work for the present. Number of auxiliaries, 146; increase, 7; membership, 4147; of these, 3943 are annual, and 204 are life, members. Two missionaries were sent out during the year, Mrs. Redner and Miss Wickett, both to British Columbia. The Treasurer read the report for the year, showing a net income this year of \$9,640.55; increase, \$1,692.99.

Both these reports were adopted, with votes of thanks to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

A discussion on "Modes of Work for Auxiliaries" was introduced by Mrs. Fleming, who read a most excellent paper on "Auxiliary Work." The discussion on this paper was led by Mrs. Dr. Carman and was very animated, showing the great interest that all present took in this subject.

Topical conversation or "What part of what particular feature of our work has been most helpful to you," was led by Mrs. Willmott, and as delegate after delegate rose to testify what she had received the greatest help or benefit from in the work, we all felt more deeply than ever that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," for in giving we are constantly receiving full measure back again from our Heavenly Father—"our cup runneth over." This hour was felt to be a most blessed one to every heart. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Miss Morgan, who is still seriously ill.

Public Meeting, Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock.—The church was well filled in the evening when Rev. G. Bishop took the chair. After the opening exercises a quartette was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Baxter, Miss Baxter, and Messrs. Lee and Gilchrist. The chairman made a few remarks conveying his hearty sympathy with the work of our Society, and Mrs. Briggs read the annual report of the Society, also the report of Supply Committee. Miss Wilkes, Treasurer, gave a report of the finances of the year. Both of these reports were encouraging, showing that some progress had been made during the year. Rev. Ebenezer Robson was then called upon to address the meeting. He began by speaking of the work in our Indian

homes and schools in British Columbia, contrasting the lives of those who had been brought under the power of the gospel with those of still heathen Indian. Truly, "What hath God wrought" by the hands of his feeble instruments in that place! He spoke principally, however, of the Chinese Girls' Home in Victoria, B.C. This he spoke of as an angels' work, saying that if nothing else had been accomplished by our Society this work accomplished in that Home would amply repay all our efforts. His address was most interesting, and showed an enthusiasm for this missionary work to be deeply implanted in the heart of the speaker. A good collection was taken up at this meeting.

Wednesday Morning.—Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Rev. A. R. Campbell, Atherley. Greetings were sent to Eastern Branch then meeting at Brockville. Read, 1 Peter v. 10, 11. Reports of organizers for their districts were then called for, and twenty-one organizers reported. Ten minutes was given to each organizer to make her report, and although the reports were full of information, giving each Auxiliary a share, yet not any of the organizers exceeded the allotted time. This spoke so favorably for this new plan of reporting, that it resulted in a resolution to the effect, that "this plan of reporting become a by-law of the Branch," which was carried by a large majority.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Mrs. Rev. E. N. Baker conducted opening exercises. Memorials were again taken up and occupied the attention of meeting for the first hour. Then came, the discussion on departments of work. A paper, "Model President," written by Mrs. G. N. Fraser, Napanee, introduced this discussion; then followed, "A Model Corresponding Secretary," by Mrs. Rev. J. C. Wilson, Warkworth; "Model Recording Secretary," by Mrs. John Carlyle, Peterboro'; and "Model Treasurer," by Mrs. G. D. Kerr, Toronto; all of these papers were excellent, but as they will all be published in *OUTLOOK* we will not make any comment on them. The discussion on "Literature" was led by Mrs. McKay, who emphasized the importance of this branch of our work. This department was intelligently discussed, a great many of the delegates speaking particularly of the great help the *Letter Leaflet* had been to their Auxiliaries. Then followed a paper on "Mission Band Work," by Mrs. Rev. A. M. Phillips. This paper was so well received that a motion followed the reading of it to have it printed as a leaflet. This motion was carried.

A detailed report of Supply Committee was given by its energetic Secretary, Mrs. Briggs, showing the great amount of help that had been distributed through the committee during the past year. One hundred and twenty Auxiliaries have sent supplies during year, and over \$2,000 worth of goods has been distributed. Mrs. Briggs received a standing vote for her work on the Supply Committee, also her work as Corresponding Secretary. Greetings were received from Eastern Branch. Read, Ps. lxxxv. 11, 12, 13.

Question drawer was opened, and questions answered by Mrs. Carman. In reply to question, about auxiliaries reporting more members than dollars, Mrs. Carman moved, and it was seconded and carried, "That in the case of new Auxiliaries organized late in the year, the Treasurer and Correspondent Secretary be instructed to mention the organization of Auxiliary with the money that has been sent without mentioning the names of members.

The following memorial, presented as a resolution at this session of meeting and carried, will be of interest to the auxiliaries concerned, "Whereas, the present mode of defraying delegates' expenses to the Annual Branch meeting is inconvenient to delegates, interferes with the order of business at Branch meeting, and adds very greatly to the onerous duties of the Branch Treasurer. Therefore, be it resolved, "That in future delegates' expenses be not paid at Branch meeting, but that they be arranged for by the Auxiliaries sending said delegates." The expenses of delegates therefore, for the future, will be defrayed by the Auxiliary sending them.

MISSION BAND MEETING.

Public Meeting, Wednesday Evening.—The Mission Band public meeting on Wednesday evening was a great success. Mrs. Dr. Carman occupied the chair. After singing and prayer, the 23rd Psalm was read in concert. Mrs. Carman then spoke a few words on the importance of Mission Band

work. Master Percy Baxter sang beautifully, a solo, "The Better Land." Mrs. Bascom, Corresponding Secretary, gave her annual report.

A pleasing incident occurred at this stage of the meeting. Rev. W. F. Wilson rose and showed the audience a little red bag, in which were 658 cents, a contribution from the little crippled children in the Home in Toronto. He stated that they had saved these cents to give to some children whose lives were sadder than their own, and as he (Mr. Wilson) had listened to Mrs. Briggs reading the report of the Supply Committee in the afternoon, he had said, "Here is where I will give the money."

A plea for missions by a number of young ladies from the mission circles of the city was well received, and Miss Munroe's address on the work of the King's Daughters in connection with the girls' school in Tokyo was listened to with great attention. Miss Munroe spoke of the origin of this movement, its objects, its methods of working, and the results so far. Miss Munroe is an earnest, practical speaker, and her voice reached the ear of her listeners, so that all who attended the meeting had the benefit of her address.

Thursday Morning.—Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Duncan. The President appealed to the delegates to stand loyally by the action of the Branch in its decision regarding delegates' expenses to the Annual Meetings, and said she hoped that not one Auxiliary would neglect to send a delegate because of the new system of defraying expenses. Greetings were sent to General Board of Missions then in session in Hamilton. Read Heb. xiii. 20, 21; Phil. iv. 3, 1st clause; Heb. xiii. 8, 1st clause. It was decided that money given in the little red bag by the crippled children should be placed at the disposal of Mrs. Briggs, also that a letter of thanks be sent to the children through Rev. W. F. Wilson, for their thoughtful gift.

Discussion on Division of Branch was the next order of business. The report of Executive Committee on this question was read, giving the reasons for their decision in favor of separation. The largeness of the delegation, the travelling expenses incurred, and the difficulty experienced in billeting delegates near the church, were the reasons urged for the division. Every member but one felt the time had arrived when the advisability of the step must be taken into consideration, and, although many ties must be broken, the loss of so many familiar faces and beloved friends experienced, still for the sake of the advancement of our important work and the wisest use of the Lord's money, each member of the Executive, save one, declared that, however painful the parting might be, conscientiously she must vote in favor of division. After the advantages and disadvantages had been discussed, it was moved and seconded, "That the Branch be divided according to Conference limits." Carried; 121 for separation, 32 against.

At this stage of the meeting Mrs. Jennings, British Columbia, was introduced to the meeting, and granted the full privileges of the delegation.

Election of delegates to General Board resulted as follows: Mrs. Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Mrs. Rev. Langford, Mrs. Rev. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. A. H. Campbell, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Rev. G. Brown, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Kendrey, Mrs. Locke, and Miss Ogden.

Votes of thanks were carried, standing, to our hostesses, the pastor and officials of the church, to the choir, the lady who presided at the piano, and to Master Percy Baxter.

Greetings were received from General Board. Read, 2 Thess. i. 11, 12. This very interesting meeting was brought to a close by Rev. G. Bishop, pastor of church, with prayer and benediction.

The meeting divided, according to Conference, for the election of officers for the separate Branches. Election of officers resulted as follows:

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. McKay, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Rev. Langford, Toronto; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Willmott, Toronto; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Briggs, Toronto; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Kerr, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Ogden, Toronto; Auditor, Miss M. Wilkes, Toronto.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

President, Mrs. Dr. Carman, Belleville; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Rev. J. C. Wilson, Warkworth; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Levi Massey, Wallbridge; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Rev. A. H. Campbell, Atherley; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. J. Kendrey, Peterboro'; Treasurer, Mrs. Curry, Picton; Auditor, Mrs. Lewis, Belleville.

ELIZ. KENDREY, *Rec. Sec. Central Branch.*

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

A CORDIAL welcome awaited the representatives of N. S. Branch at their Tenth Annual Meeting at Hillsburg, the picturesque Switzerland of Nova Scotia. The number in Council was fifty-four. There was close and prompt attention to business. Auxiliary and Band reports showed much earnest work done, and a careful and intelligent improvement in methods. For the first time we were obliged to report decrease in income; the shadow of sorrow and bereavement is upon many individual auxiliaries; our beloved President has been called to higher services; our songs, even of thankfulness, were in the minor key. One special feature of the meeting was a memorial service conducted by Mrs. A. S. Tuttle, V.P. Mrs. Whiston gave to the Branch a message entrusted to her by the dying President, a message which showed how this work of God lay upon her heart. We had an enthusiastic public meeting on Wednesday evening, at which the pastor, Rev. J. Hale, presided. The selections of the choir were inspiring, we realized the power of sacred song. The address of the Corresponding Secretary took us again to our various missions; we note that the cords are being lengthened, and that the hand of our God is upon the labor of our consecrated missionaries for good. Mission Circle and Band work grows in importance. Mission Band evening gave a good programme to an appreciative audience. At the close Miss Sadie Hart described the Port Simpson Home and the manner of daily living there. Miss Hart's presence added much to the interest of the meeting, her graphic accounts of life amongst the Indians, showed that the elevating influence of the Gospel is felt in the homes, the gracious revival which last year swept over the Indian missions, is an earnest of the promised reaping in joy. She made an urgent appeal on behalf of the Indians in the interior. The subject of mite-boxes was well discussed. As one result of a talk on mite-boxes a thank-offering of five dollars was found on the contribution plate. At the last session a bright little fellow marched up the aisle with an envelope addressed "For a little China boy." The ten cents it contained was made the nucleus of a fund that is growing. Any sum sent to the Branch Treasurer for the "China boy" will be carefully added.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

THE annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Methodist Church, was held at Hilton on Wednesday, September 13th, 1893, with Mrs. Luxon, District Organizer, in the chair. After devotional exercises, Miss W. E. Hinman was chosen secretary.

The afternoon session opened at 2.30 with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. R. H. Leitch, of Castleton. Mrs. Phillips, of Frankford, presided at the organ. A profitable testimony meeting of half an hour was held, led by Mrs. Luxon. After music a paper was read by Mrs. Walt, on "The Benefits of Working in the Woman's Missionary Society." An address of welcome was read by Miss Fennell, and responded to by Mrs. Rev. Thomas, of Wooler. A discussion arose as to the life-members having votes at the Branch meeting. Lost on vote.

The evening mass meeting was presided over in an able manner by Rev. S. Crookshank. The choir of Hilton Church rendered a number of pieces in their usual good style. Papers were read by Mrs. Doyle, of Castleton, and Mrs. Watt, of Salem. Miss Shortt and Miss C. Fennell, of Hilton, gave recitations. Bro. H. Thomas, of Wooler, gave an address, and of course we had an address from the chair-

man. Mrs. Luxon gave the closing paper, and after the benediction all dispersed to their homes feeling that a day had been well spent.

M. POOLE, *Cor. Sec.*

Auxiliary Annual Meetings.

BRIDGE STREET, BELLEVILLE.—The Annual Meeting held in September, was both interesting and encouraging. The subjects for prayer were India and Africa, and items of interest regarding missionary work in these countries were read by several members. The President, from a map prepared for the purpose, pointed out the mission centres in Africa, which appeared as mere points of light in the midst of vast heathen darkness. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Elliot, President; Mesdames Meacham, Johnson and Baker, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Young, Recording Secretary; Miss Sawyer, Treasurer; Mrs. Vermilyea, Auditor, and the election of Mrs. W. W. Chown as Corresponding Secretary. The receipts for the year were over \$309.00; the membership 138; the average attendance at meetings, 26.

LOUISA LEWIS.

BRUSSELS.—Our Auxiliary is now entering upon its seventh year, with a very encouraging outlook. Though our membership is not so large as we desire, yet our average attendance has been good, and in all our meetings a deep interest in the work has been manifest. We have found our "Missionary Tea," which is provided by the member at whose home our meeting is held, to be not only a help financially, but to greatly assist in promoting a kind and friendly feeling among our members. In commencing this year, our pastor preached a special sermon in the interests of the W.M.S., Sunday evening, and the Wednesday evening following, a public meeting was held, at which interesting reports were given by our delegates of the Branch meeting held in Listowel, which cannot fail to be an inspiration to us. We are looking for greater success in the future, under the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father.

L. A. COBBLEDICK, *Cor. Sec.*

FREDERICTON, N.B.—Drawing to the close of another year (the sixth since our organization), and reviewing the past, we cannot but feel grateful for the progress we have made. We have now a membership of forty-five, having added six names to our roll this year, and we are glad to also report an increase in our finances of \$83.00. The entire sum raised was \$234.49, \$109.00 of which was contributed by our Mission Band. In common with so many of our sister Auxiliaries, it is our sad duty to report the death of a faithful and efficient member, Miss M. E. Smith, who early in the year, after a short, but exceedingly painful illness, was called home. Intellectually gifted, and eminent in all good works, her loss is not only felt in our Society, but by the whole Church, to which she was devotedly attached, and her life consecrated to its work. While we sadly miss her loving words of counsel and sympathy, we trust that her influence for good may long be felt among us, and though "She rests from her labors, her works do follow her."

C. H. PERLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

HOMER STREET AUXILIARY, VANCOUVER.—For '91-'92 we returned 26 active and 1 honorary member, '92-'93, 35 active and 10 honorary, with a corresponding increase in funds outside of membership fees. Our quarterly prayer-meetings are very interesting. At one, all present were delighted with the account of the work being done among the Indians adjacent to the city, and a collection of over \$6 was given to aid the workers in supplying primers, etc., for their instruction, as also board in sickness or destitution. Coming from a small Eastern Auxiliary, since my residence here it has been strongly impressed upon my mind that Vancouver is a highly-favored city in having so many celebrities of all grades passing through. Especially is this true to all interested in missionary work, the more so that Miss Wintemute's home being here extending its hospitality without stint to all outgoing and returning missionaries, thus affording opportunities of personal contact and acquaintance. We pray that we may improve our privileges by increased activity.

In Memoriam.—With our jubilation is mingled mourning, not for the dear sister, Mrs. H. Mole, who was "promoted" from our ranks, Aug. 10th, but for the bereaved husband and four motherless children. And for the cause she so much loved and was so ready and able to aid. She was a great sufferer, she and her husband—an honorary—visiting Toronto last summer for treatment for cancer in the eye, but returning to yield, after a few weeks, to the ravages of the fearful malady. "God removes the workers, but the work goes on," her husband wishes her name retained on the membership list.

E. McCRAVEY, *Cor. Sec.*

Model Recording Secretary.

(A paper read at the Central Branch Meeting.)

A MODEL Recording Secretary will be always in her place. No officer has greater opportunities for making the meeting interesting, business-like and helpful. Her first duty is the keeping of the Minutes.

The reading of the Minutes as the first item of business, may affect the meeting throughout. If they are carelessly written and indifferently read, a jarring note is struck.

How often, at the close of a specially helpful and enthusiastic meeting, we have wished that the tone could be caught and held in some safe depository until the next meeting, so that we might begin in the same frame of mind as we left off. The Minutes should be this depository. Therefore, the Recording Secretary should not only keep a faithful record of all resolutions passed, and of all business transacted, but should endeavor, in a few well-chosen words, to condense and preserve the best of the thought and feeling of the meeting. Any encouraging feature should be recorded, as a new name added to the membership, an unusually large attendance, a donation received, etc. In a word, the Minutes should enable one not present at the meeting to form a definite idea of the business transacted, and to catch its spirit. They should be concisely written and distinctly read, and as they are the official record of the Society, they should be entered so as to be easy of reference.

She will keep a roll of the members; will call the roll at the time appointed by the President, and assist the Treasurer by entering on the roll the payment of fees.

She will read aloud *distinctly*, all resolutions or any papers that the presiding officer may wish brought before the meeting, and should be familiar with the business transacted at previous meetings, so as to call the attention of the President to any conflicting resolutions, etc.

She will give proper notice of all regular or special meetings of the Auxiliary or its Executive Committee. The notice of the regular meetings will be written attractively and prayerfully, and that each lady of the congregation may feel that *she* is personally invited. A stranger coming into the community and attending the church, should be sent a notice by letter, of the date on which the Auxiliary holds its regular meeting, and an invitation to attend.

She will assist the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer in the preparation of the annual report, and will notify new officers of their election.

If the Recording Secretary's earnest desire is to make the meetings successful and enjoyable, and have her Auxiliary take its true place in the church with which it is connected, she will find ways and means of making her office an aid to accomplish this end.

E. CARLISLE.

In Memoriam.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Our Auxiliary has been bereft again in the removal, by death, of Mrs. Rev. Ames who was president for the year 1891 and 1892. Her life was one devoted to her Master's service. She had implicit faith in prayer, and well do we remember her oft repeated words, "Let us pray about it." She truly possessed "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." During her illness she was tenderly waited on by her children. She often spoke, when in health, of their loving thoughtfulness for her after they had homes of their own, and we cannot but feel that the words, "Her children rise up and call her blessed," are a very truth in our sainted mother's case. Among the floral decorations was a wreath from the Auxiliary.

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