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# MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## Women's Missionary Society

OF THE

### METHODIST CHURCH,

Held in the Sydenham St. Church, Kingston, on Nov.  
25th, 26th and 27th, 1885.

The morning session of the first day was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Gooderham, the President, who addressed the ladies in a few earnest words, touching upon the necessity of greater consecration to the work, and greater faithfulness in it. Mrs. Massie followed in prayer, after which the meeting was called to order for business.

The roll of officers and delegates was called by the Recording Secretary, and the following ladies responded to their names: Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto; Mrs. Chisholm, Ottawa; Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton; Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh, Hamilton.

Western Branch, including Niagara, London and Guelph Conferences: Mrs. Dr. Williams, Pres., Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Burns, Cor. Sec., St. Thomas; Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Mrs. Dr. Hunter, Hamilton; Miss Morgan, St. Thomas; Mrs. Wm. Glass, London; Mrs. McMechan, London.

Central Branch, comprising Toronto and Bay of Quinte Conferences: Mrs. Dr. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. De Mill, Oshawa; Miss M. Wilkes, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. Finch, Toronto; Mrs. Webb, Streetsville.

Eastern Branch, Montreal Conference: Mrs. W. E. Ross, President, Montreal; Mrs. T. G. Williams, Cor. Secretary, Pembroke; Mrs. J. Ross, Brockville; Mrs. Longley, Ottawa; Mrs. J. Shaw, Montreal.

M. E. Society: Mrs. L. Massie, President, Wallbridge; Mrs. Dr. Carman, Cor. Secretary, Belleville; Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. W. Cummings, Miss E. A. Gould, Mrs. A. C. Maybee, Belleville.

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held during the year were then read. On motion, they were adopted after striking out the following clause: "A letter was read concerning the French work in Hull, and it was thought that the whole of the French work must be left under the direction of the Eastern Branch, each auxiliary paying its money to their Branch Treasurer."

The Corresponding Secretary then read her report, showing the total membership of the Society to be 2403, including 107 life members, in five branches, comprising 68 auxiliaries, also 18 mission bands, with 580 members.

After the adoption of this report, the Treasurer presented her statement. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$4991.56; income during the year, \$7452.92; total, \$12,444.48.

Expenditure, \$6564.54; leaving a balance of \$5879.94.

The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on Union was then read by Mrs. Dr. Carman. After explanations, asked for by several ladies, concerning changes made in the Constitution, and given by Mrs. Carman, the report was adopted.

The 723rd hymn was then sung.

The General Corresponding Secretary then read the second annual report of the Nova Scotia Branch. That of the Eastern Branch was read by Mrs. T. G. Williams.

A paper on Consecration, by Mrs. Massey, then followed.

The Recording Secretary was asked to prepare reports of the meetings for the *Guardian* and *Outlook*.

The Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. Ross, of Brockville. Several ladies took part in this service, and earnest prayer was offered for the success of this special work, and particularly for the health and safety of our missionaries.

At the conclusion of this service, the President took the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved, after which the President gave her annual address. A cordial vote of thanks was given her by a rising vote.

The report of the Western Branch was presented by Mrs. Burns; that of the Central Branch by Mrs. Willmott.

The report of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch was gathered from letters received, and was read by the General Corresponding Secretary. She also read the reports from the two auxiliaries in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

On motion, these reports were adopted.

Greetings from the Presbyterian W. F. M. S. (Western Section) were presented by Mrs. Dickson, of Kingston, who expressed hearty congratulation on the prosperity of this Society, and referred to the work in which the Presbyterian Society was particularly engaged. They were now in the tenth year of their existence. They aim at raising this year \$13,000 (although \$9700 covers present expenses), as they are looking towards extension of their work. Their strongest efforts are directed to Central India; their work also extends to Formosa, and among the Indians in the North-west. They have 14 Presbyterian societies, 165 auxiliaries, and 34 Mission Bands.

Mrs. Rockwell, of Kingston, presented the greetings of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union. In a brief address she referred to the work of each society, and congratulated the Missionary Society on their success. Allusion was made to the departure of Mrs. Crosby from the Hamilton Ladies College to her field of labor in Port Simpson.

Mrs. Finch presented the greetings of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Peter's (Episcopal) Church, of Toronto.

On motion, the greetings of these societies were received, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to reply to each.

Several questions were then asked and answered: "What is the advantage of life-membership?" An advantage to the society, but no special advantage given to the member, as to position on the Board, or otherwise.

"How are expenses of those who organize to be met?" It was suggested that expenses be paid out of collection taken at the formation of the Auxiliary. Others thought the Branch Treasury ought to pay the expenses.

On motion this matter was deferred for further consideration.

The President announced that tea would be served to delegates and visitors in the lecture room, in view of which arrangement the session was prolonged.

Several ladies then spoke on the subject of Mission Bands. That in Hamilton was referred to by Mrs. Hunter. Mrs. Ross mentioned the one in Halifax, and the good work it was doing. They had correspondents in foreign parts, and read a paper at each meeting of the Society prepared by the members, and called "The Sheaf." One young lady had a "self-denial" box in addition to her general collection box.

Mrs. Willmott spoke of the mission band in Toronto. They had had a sale by which they had realized over \$300. She suggested the desirability of having the Mission Band meet with the older Society at their regular meetings, and thus keep informed on the general work.

Mrs. Ross, of Brockville, said that the first Wednesday in each month in their church was set apart for a missionary meeting, and the W. M. S. was called to furnish the programme.

Question 3: Would it not be an inducement to many to become

life-members if the fee could be paid in yearly instalments of \$5.00?  
 Ans. : This would be unconstitutional.

Question 4: How do auxiliaries raise the money to pay the expenses of delegates sent to Branch meetings?

Miss Wilkes stated that in their Branch these expenses were met by the Branch Treasurer; Mrs. McMechan understood that the Auxiliaries paid the expenses of their delegates. After a little more discussion this matter was deferred until the next morning.

The question of having a stated time for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers was then considered.

On motion it was decided that the meeting be held in the third week of October, leaving power with the President and Corresponding Secretary to postpone to the fourth, if necessary.

The collection was then taken, after which the invitations for the next Annual Meeting were received. Mrs. Dr. Hunter invited the Society to meet in Hamilton; Mrs. Ross gave an invitation from Montreal. On motion, the invitation from Hamilton was accepted with thanks.

The Western Branch presented a memorial to the Society, consisting of several petitions. The first was, "That while we most cordially appreciate the kindness of the various annual conferences in recognizing our work, and recommending it for support, we respectfully request still further recognition and help, by having the amounts raised by our various auxiliaries reported through the District Meetings to the Conferences, in order to have the returns printed in the Annual Conference Minutes, and in the Annual Missionary Reports." It was decided that the Corresponding Secretary should prepare a memorial on this subject, to be presented to the General Conference.

The second read as follows: "That to prevent confusion in returns of the total number of members in the Auxiliaries, this Branch would suggest that the names of life-members be retained in the auxiliary where they paid their fee, unless they wish otherwise, and in case of removal, a certificate of life-membership, signed by the President and Recording Secretary of the General Board of Managers, be given, and such member be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the auxiliary where she may reside, and that all contributions from life-members be entered as donations to the auxiliary, and that the names of life-members be published in the Annual Report, with the place of residence attached."

On this question it was decided that the resolution contained in the memorial be substituted for that on the same subject on page 7 of last Annual Report.

The 3rd resolution contained in "memorial," after a little discussion, was dropped.

A letter from Winnipeg was read, asking that they, as a Society, be allowed to retain the funds raised by them, to be used in their work among the Indians. Decision deferred.

The Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned after the benediction.

THURSDAY, 9 a. m.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Williams.

On proceeding to business, the President asked that all accounts be presented for payment. The following were handed in, and on motion, were ordered to be paid :

For Printing 1300 Forms for Secretaries.....	\$12 00
“ “ 150 Programmes.....	3 00
“ “ 200 Letters.....	6 75
3 Dozen Hymnals for Japan.....	3 00
Treasurer's Postage.....	5 00
Corresponding Secretary for Postage and Stationery.....	10 00

In answer to a question, it was decided that the Secretary of each Branch should furnish a condensed account of their Annual Meetings, to be published in the Report.

It was stated that Mite Boxes might be obtained on application to Miss M. Wilkes, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, the applicant merely to pay express charges.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a form of Certificate of Life-membership furnished by Mrs. Kerr. The estimate for the same was as follows :

100 Copies on Bristol Board .....	\$25 00
200 “ “ “ “ .....	30 00

The same on heavy bevel edged cards :

100 Copies.....	\$35 00
200 “ .....	40 00

This to include Lithographing.

Considerable discussion arose as to the form of Certificate, some expressing approval, others desiring a smaller card.

Moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. J. Ross, that if this certificate be adopted, the sum of 25c. be charged each life-member, wishing one.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. W. E. Ross, seconded by Mrs. Longley, that small certificates be given to each life-member, but if a large one is desired, it be furnished at the rate of 25c. each. The amendment was lost and the original motion was carried.

The President here announced that the Treasurer was ready to report the balance on hand for appropriation, after all bills were paid. The Treasurer accordingly stated that after the travelling expenses of delegates were paid (amounting to \$218.61), there would remain on hand \$5621.58.

It was moved and seconded that the sum of \$50 be sent Miss Cart-

mell, in view of extra expense incurred during her illness, and enforced absence from her work.

Moved in amendment, and seconded, that a letter of sympathy be sent Miss Cartmell instead of the money.

This amendment (which prevailed) was called out by the protest of the Corresponding Secretary against sending the money to her cousin, as she knew that Miss Cartmell would much prefer having the additional sum spent in the Japan work.

The subject of appropriation was next considered.

Mrs. W. E. Ross explained in a few practical words the need of the French work in Montreal. In connection with the school mentioned before, they thought that \$1000 would be required.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter received from Mr. McDougall, in reference to the Orphanage in the North-west. There are nine girls and six boys in the institution; the cost of maintenance is about \$50 each per year.

Mrs. W. E. Ross said that this would be about the cost of each one in their school at Montreal.

In the Crosby Girls' Home, eleven girls had been sustained, and one little boy. Eight of these were supported by this Society, which also pays the matron's salary.

It was moved and seconded that \$1000 be appropriated to the French work in Montreal. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that \$500 be appropriated to the McDougall Orphanage. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the appropriation for the Crosby Girls' Home be the same as last year, \$800. Carried.

The President made a few remarks concerning the work in Japan, and pledged herself to raise \$500 this year towards paying the expenses of another lady teacher to Japan, if the Society saw fit to send one. It was supposed that the fees charged in the schools paid the salaries of native teachers.

The Corresponding Secretary read a statement of the expenses in Japan, from June, 1884, to June, 1885, which amounted to \$2066.

The question was asked, how the salaries of our missionaries compared with those of the lady missionaries sent out by the American Boards. In answer, it was thought that \$600 was the usual average salary.

Mrs. Finch moved, seconded by Mrs. Glass, that a third lady be sent as a teacher to Japan. Carried.

At this stage, the Corresponding Secretary read a letter just received from Mrs. Crosby, Port Simpson, which was very welcome to the Society.

A request having been made that resolutions be reduced to writing, the following was moved by Mrs Carman: "That the amount of salaries to our missionaries in Japan be—

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Miss Cartmell,.....	\$600 00
“ Spencer. ....	600 00
“ Maud Cochran.....	300 00
Three Bible Women... ..	180 00
Three Girls (cost of maintenance).....	150 00
Jinrikisha. ....	50 00
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That the balance, \$1441.58 be appropriated to the work in Japan, to be used at the discretion of the resident missionaries, with the request that as large a sum be paid on the debt of the new building as possible. This was seconded by Mrs. Burns and carried.

Mrs. Carman called attention to the fact that no provision was made in the constitution for the election of officers of the General Board, and she moved the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Burns:—

“That Section 2 of Article V., read as follows: ‘That the Officers of the Board of Managers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, these to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board,’ Sec. 3 to read: ‘To transact business during the year, the Officers of the Board of Managers with the President of each branch, shall, *ex officio*, form an Executive Committee, five of whom shall form a quorum.’” Carried.

Mrs. Dr. Williams read a telegram from Mrs. Dr. Aikins, Toronto, which was as follows: “\$200 guaranteed towards salary of third Missionary to Japan. ‘Call upon me and I will answer.’ Have faith for remainder.”

This announcement was received with manifestations of pleasure by the Society.

After the benediction, the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. De Mill, of Oshawa, after which the President took the chair, and the minutes of the morning session, also of the previous afternoon, were read and approved.

A special prayer of consecration was offered by Mrs. Carman, after the list of appropriations for the year was read.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, which resulted as follows:—

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| President,               | - - - | MRS. JAMES GOODERHAM. |
| Vice-President,          | - - - | “ DR. CARMAN.         |
| Recording Secretary,     | - - - | “ CHISHOLM,           |
| Corresponding Secretary, | - - - | “ STRACHAN.           |
| Treasurer,               | - - - | “ ROSEBRUGH.          |

A letter was read from a young lady, offering her services as missionary to Japan; a communication was also received from her pastor, endorsing the same.

Moved by Mrs. Carman, seconded by Mrs. Fowler, that the President and Corresponding Secretary be a committee to correspond with this young lady or any other candidate, and report to Executive Committee. Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that the expenses incurred in forming new auxiliaries be paid by the Treasurer of the branch in which such auxiliary is formed. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that each branch shall arrange for the organization of its own auxiliaries. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Mr. F. W. Watkins, of Hamilton, be requested to act as Auditor for this year, and that his kindness in auditing the books in the past be acknowledged. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the matter of expenses of delegates to branch meetings be referred to the branches. Carried.

The letter from Winnipeg was again read, after which the following resolutions were passed:

"That, in view of the fact that other auxiliaries are asking for special privileges, and whereas, the Montreal Auxiliary notified this board a year ago, that they would send their funds in as other auxiliaries, that they be now requested to send their money quarterly, instead of statements, and that the General Treasurer be empowered by the Board to send the amount appropriated quarterly to the French work, the same as to the other missions.

"That, while we are very glad to hear of the work begun in Winnipeg, we feel that we must adhere to our constitution in all particulars; nevertheless we shall receive with pleasure any memorials for special work and do our best to help."

Mrs. Longley explained the position of the Ottawa Auxiliary in connection with the French work, which was very satisfactory. The Secretary was asked to read the special conditions on which the Ottawa Auxiliary had been received into this Society. The relations were continued, the hope being expressed that in a short time the Ottawa Auxiliary might see its way clear to conform strictly to the constitution of this Society.

The question of representation of Mission Bands at branch meetings being brought up, it was moved and seconded, that any Mission Band numbering forty members or over shall be entitled to one representative at the Branch Annual Meeting. Carried.

The collection was then taken, after which Mrs. Burns read a paper prepared by Mrs. Fowler, on the subject of "Our work." It was moved and seconded, that the thanks of this Society be given to those ladies who have prepared such valuable papers. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Finch, seconded by Mrs. Glass, that the hearty thanks

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of this Society be tendered the ladies of Kingston, for their kind hospitality. This was carried by a rising vote.

Thanks were also tendered the young ladies for the entertainment provided the previous evening

A vote of thanks was also passed to the sexton of the church, and the sum of \$3 00 voted him by the Society.

The thanks of the Society were given to the Trustees of Sydenham St. Church, to the railway authorities and to the representatives of the press who have reported our meetings.

Mrs. Strachan moved, seconded by Mrs. Carman: "That the heartiest thanks of this Society be tendered to the Central Board of Missions, for the encouragement and practical aid given in their generous donation of another \$250 on the occasion of our sending a second lady to Japan; also in the courtesy shown in providing her an escort as far as Buffalo, where she joined the missionary party on their way to the far East. Carried.

Miss Wilkes presented the account of the Leaflet Fund, showing receipts to be \$30.33; amount expended, \$27.54; leaving a cash balance on hand of \$2.79 and also a number of leaflets.

On motion, this report was adopted.

The meeting adjourned after the usual dismissal.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 27TH.

After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Longley, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The President stated that \$50 had been received from a lady in Australia for the work in Japan.

The Secretary read a letter just received by the President from Miss Knight, Port Simpson.

It was moved by the Recording Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Orr, and carried, that the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Mrs. Dr. Hunter be a committee to prepare the annual report, also that 2,000 be published.

It was moved and seconded, that the Corresponding Secretary of each branch be requested to prepare a condensed report of the work of the Auxiliaries in each Branch. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that all needless matter be excluded from report, such as words of welcome. Carried.

Mrs. Burns moved, seconded by Miss Morgan, that each Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report, in schedule form, to the annual meeting of the board of managers, the following items:

List of Auxiliaries,	Number of Mission Bands,
Number of Auxiliaries previous year,	" " " Members,
" " present year,	Total Number of Members,
Increase. Decrease,	Number of public Meetings,
Number of Life Members previous year,	" monthly "
" " present year,	Average attendance at monthly meetings,
Increase. Decrease,	Total number of Meetings,

Also a list of Life Members and Annual members, and the report of the Branch Treasurer.

This to be a by-law of this Society. Also, that Branch Treasurers be requested to furnish to the Corresponding Secretary an annual report in schedule form of monies received by her quarterly, and the sources of income. Also that the General Treasurer be requested to publish each quarter in the *Outlook* the monies received by her, and that this be a by-law of this Society. Carried.

It was arranged that the Eastern Branch is to provide for the response to the words of welcome next year; the Central Branch, a paper on "Proportionate giving," and the Western Branch, a paper on some topic to be chosen.

Moved and seconded, that the hour after the reading of the reports at the next annual meeting be devoted to testimony and consecration. Carried.

On motion, 200 more postal report cards were ordered.

Moved and seconded, that Miss Wilkes be associated with Mrs. Briggs to prepare material for the corner in the *Guardian*, and for the space in the *Outlook*. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the letters of our missionaries be printed in the *Outlook*, instead of leaflet form. Moved in amendment and seconded, that the letters be published in leaflet form, but before they appear in the *Outlook*. Several ladies spoke to the amendment, which prevailed.

Mrs Fowler moved, seconded by Mrs. Glass, that the Society take this watchword for the coming year: "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."—Is. lxxv. 24. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the papers read before the Society be published in the *Outlook*. Carried.

The President asked the Society to remember their aim, financially, during the year (which is at least \$10,000), in connection with the watchword just chosen.

Mrs. Finch thought it would be wise to ask the pastors of our churches to allow the ladies to take part in a missionary meeting to be held the last Wednesday in each month.

Mrs. Finch also spoke of the importance of praying bands among the ladies of our Society.

A letter was received from the Secretary of Auxiliary in Belleville,

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asking for 100 leaflets on the general aim and practical work of this Society.

It was asked if a lady giving \$25 or upwards for any special object could, through that donation, be considered a life-member. Several ladies spoke on this question, when Mrs. Williams gave notice of motion that next year this matter be made very clear in the constitution, in the article on membership.

It was moved and seconded, that the members be requested to remember this Society in prayer, between the hours of five and six each Sabbath. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that we have leaflets during the coming year. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Finch, seconded by Mrs. Fowler, that Mrs. Briggs and Miss Wilkes be asked to communicate with the American Societies as to the cost of leaflets. Carried.

Several contributions were immediately handed in for this department.

On motion, it was resolved that two hundred life-membership certificates be provided.

Adjournment after the doxology and benediction.

ADDIE CHISHOLM,

*Recording Secretary.*

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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CHRISTIAN SISTERS, LADIES OF THE SOCIETY :

It is a matter of thankfulness to God, that these annual gatherings of our Woman's Missionary Society have been growing in interest and importance from year to year. And with the blessing of God resting upon us, I know no reason why this one may not be superior to any that has preceded it.

Though we are met for the transaction of business, the work of the meeting being chiefly to review the operations of the Society during the past year, and to devise measures for maintaining and increasing its usefulness in the future, there is no reason why, if we do but enter upon our duties in the spirit of entire consecration and humble faith, it may not be a season rich in spiritual blessing. What is most needful for us all, as the crowning qualification for the Master's service, in this or any other field of Christian labor, is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, promised to his disciples by our Lord, just before his ascension into heaven. And what more suitable time for us to look for this endowment of power from on high, than when, in humble obedience to the command of our risen Lord, and in accordance with his own divine example, we are seeking "to save that which is lost."

During the last half century, much has been said on the subject of the higher education of woman and the enlargement of the sphere of her activity and usefulness in the world. On many topics embraced in this discussion, it would be improper for anything to be said here; but it is a matter of thankfulness to know that the right is conceded to woman, more fully perhaps than at any former period in the history of the Church, to take her full share in the work of the moral elevation and salvation of the

world. And to this her best thoughts, her best affections and her most heroic and self denying exertions, in not a few instances, have been given.

Thank God, for the noble army of gifted and thoroughly consecrated women, in all the denominations, who are now giving their time, their talents and their substance to the furtherance of this sublime object. It is said that one-half of all the missionary boards of the Church are women's organizations, and not a few of the most devoted and useful laborers in the mission fields of the world are women.

Woman has not, however, won her way to her present position of usefulness, in connection with the great work of the world's evangelization, without a pretty severe conflict. The prejudices against women engaging in evangelistic labors, in some of the churches, have been so strong that they have raised a formidable barrier in the way of our sisters in these denominations, who found themselves moved by the Holy Spirit and prompted by the indications of divine Providence, to actively enter upon this work.

Happily, we, as Methodist women, have had little to complain of in this respect. Our denomination from the beginning recognized the right of women to exercise their gifts, as God gave them opportunity, for the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers. With the history of the labours of Susannah Wesley, Mary Bosanquet and a host of others, whose names are in the book of life before it, Methodism could not be true to its traditions and lay a straw in the way of any Christian woman who felt herself to be divinely called to evangelistic work. And it is interesting to know that, in other quarters, the prejudices which have heretofore existed are gradually giving way.

The zenana work in India, through which the gospel has been preached by women to thousands who could not have been reached by any other agency, has had the effect of establishing the right of women to take part in this work. And the new translation of the 11th verse of the 68th psalm, "The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host," which we find in the revised version, has already given inspiration and courage to many a timid one, who has felt the conviction of duty, but who scarcely dared to proceed in the absence of some clearer scriptural assurance that she was doing right. Indeed, so wonderfully has God owned and prospered the labours of women and of Woman's Missionary Societies in heathen lands, that nothing but the most inveterate prejudice could fail to recognize their extraordinary usefulness. A missionary who had long been a witness of their work, and of the results which they had achieved, said to a Christian lady in this country, the wife of a Presbyterian minister, that, "If one or the other must leave, I would say, come my brethren, let us go home and leave the work to the women."

We, the women of the Methodist church of this country, have not been as prompt in entering upon this work, as our sisters of some other of the churches have been. But though we have not engaged in it as soon as we might have done, we trust the Lord, who is rich in mercy, has forgiven us. And it is matter of devout thankfulness, that he has been so wonderfully preparing the way for us.

The doors are not only thrown open wide to us, but the calls for labourers have been from the beginning pathetic and urgent. We thought ourselves very prompt in responding to the call of the parent Society, when we sent out our first missionary to JAPAN. But the delay was principally felt by the hungry and neglected sheep, who longed for the presence of someone to minister to their spiritual necessities. One who afterward became one of Miss Cartmell's helpers, probably expressed the feeling of many others when she said, "It seems like a thousand years until these ladies will come."

Women are dying in heathenism and others are growing gray, children are being reared in idolatry, and one of the grandest opportunities for missionary work that the world has ever seen is going by unimproved, while women in Christian lands are absorbed with trifles unworthy of them. What the gospel has done for us it is capable of doing for the four hundred millions of our sisters, who have not yet heard the name of our precious Saviour.

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With wisdom from on high,

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So far as the labours of our own Society are concerned, the Lord of the harvest, who has called us to this work, has not allowed us to labour in vain. To the glory of his grace be it said, the reaping time has come much earlier than we could have expected it.

Miss Cartmell's labours have been crowned with a measure of success which, while it has gladdened our hearts, has greatly increased both our moral and financial obligations.

So numerous have been the applications for admission to the school, that increased accommodation had to be provided, which of course has involved considerable additional expense. Thus while the Lord is encouraging us in our work of faith and labour of love, he is at the same time calling us to the exercise of greater self denial and more abounding liberality.

It has been my duty as it has been my privilege in the past, to speak repeatedly of Miss Cartmell's eminent fitness for the work to which she has been appointed in Japan. From the beginning it has been felt that she was the right person for the place. This conviction grows upon us by the lapse of years, and it is matter of rejoicing that she has found so efficient, and in every way suitable co-labourer, in the person of Miss Spencer. These ladies seem to be the complement of each other, and the esteem and affection in which they hold one another affords the strongest assurance that they will work together with the most perfect harmony. Already their united labor has been greatly blessed, and we look with confidence for the most satisfactory results being achieved by them in the not very distant future. Though their work is educational, it is at the same time evangelistic. They do not forget that while they are teachers, they are missionaries of the cross. Several of their pupils have presented themselves as candidates for membership in the church, and have received Christian baptism.

Miss Cartmell and Miss Spencer are evidently in need of more assistance in the school. The youngest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, who is employed in the school for some hours daily, is affording some assistance, but they require another trained teacher, not to learn the language, but to teach English, and leave Miss Cartmell more time for purely evangelistic work, upon which her heart is set, and for which she is so well fitted. Bible women, supported by special donations, are already to some extent employed under her direction, and their labors among the women of the country are attended with an encouraging degree of success. If she could be more fully relieved from the work of teaching, it is impossible to say to what extent this important branch of missionary work might grow under her superintendence.

Our friends in the Province of Quebec are naturally anxious to concentrate their efforts in the evangelization of that part of the Dominion. In the face of difficulties and discouragements they are endeavoring to push forward the work among the French Canadian population. Their newly-established school in Montreal promises much usefulness. They will have the sympathy and prayers of this great sisterhood in other parts of the country.

Owing to the great affliction which has fallen upon our beloved brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, and the change of matrons at the orphanage, we have few particulars from Port Simpson. From a short acquaintance with Miss Knight I am persuaded that she will perform her duties conscientiously, and to the best of her ability.

The value of our missions in the Northwest in a national as well as in a religious sense have been strikingly illustrated during the unfortunate insurrection which took place a few months ago in that part of the Dominion. The fact that not one of the Indians who were under the teaching of our missionaries took part in that uprising, or manifested any hostility to the Government, must intensify our interest in this part of our work, and the assistance which the Rev. John McDougall rendered the Government in its efforts to restore peace will no doubt cause us to take a deeper interest than ever before in the work in which he is engaged. In caring for the destitute Indian children of this "great lone land," he desires to be remembered in our prayers, as well as helped by our liberal contributions.

In view of the work to be done, and the fact that the fields are everywhere white unto the harvest, have we reached that point in our working and giving where we can

reasonably hope for the encomium pronounced by the Saviour on one of old when he said, "She hath done what she could"?

One thing is evident, there are not as many of the women of our church embraced in this organization as there should be. Several new auxiliaries have been organized during the year, and increased life and activity have, we trust, been inspired in some of the old ones; but much more work of this kind remains to be done. Let us hope, too, that many of our sisters who have hitherto been silent in regard to this matter may be baptized for this missionary work, and have their lips touched with a coal from God's altar, so that they may be enabled to speak for him.

It has been my privilege to attend the annual meetings of the Western and Central Branches, and in both the reports presented furnished gratifying evidence of numerical and financial progress. Nothing, however, connected with these gatherings impressed me more than the tone of deep spirituality which pervaded them.

Hitherto the Lord has been eminently present with us in all our meetings, and it is not too much to say, perhaps, that in every instance they have been a means of grace to those who were present and took part in them, and this is true of the monthly meetings of the auxiliaries, as appears from the reports received from them, as well as of the larger gatherings. It is evident, therefore, that the multiplication of these organizations, while it increases the usefulness of the Society, is conferring a positive blessing upon the ladies who are enrolled in them. In their efforts to bless others, they themselves are blessed.

The Mission Bands which are being formed constitute one of the most interesting and hopeful features in the practical working of our Society. In these the girls and young women of the Church are being inspired with the missionary spirit, and trained for missionary work, and who can calculate the possibilities of usefulness which are wrapped up in one of these young lives. How important it is, while so much of life is before them, and while the hopefulness and enthusiasm of youth continue, that their energies should receive a right direction.

Many of us feel the want of a more perfect training for the work which we are trying to do, and at the same time realize that the day is too far spent for us even to be what we might have been, or do what we might have done under more favorable circumstances. But instead of the mothers are the daughters. The women of the coming generation are in our homes, in our Sunday schools, and in our churches. They are the hope of the future of our cause. Anything which tends to elevate their aims by placing before them an object worthy of being lived for, and which at the same time helps to prepare them for the responsibilities of the future possesses an importance which none of us can adequately estimate. This is what these Bands in some humble degree are aiming at accomplishing. The addition which they make to our revenue is considerable, but this is only the smallest of the advantages to be anticipated from them. In them are being trained the workers, by whom this work is to be taken up when we are called to lay it down.

It is said that considerably more than half of the membership of all the churches are women. In many of them two-thirds of the communicants are women. This is a state of things we cannot but deplore. We want our brothers as well as our sisters in the church, and something must be radically wrong when they are not in equal numbers with ourselves actively engaged in Christian work. But the facts as they really are remind us of the responsibility which rests upon us. Whether the great work of the evangelization of the world and the salvation of our race is to be accelerated or retarded depends very largely upon us, let us act worthy of the position in which Divine Providence has placed us.

When so many have done so well, and on the whole so much has been accomplished, it may appear ungracious to say anything which has the appearance of finding fault, but I confess I am not entirely satisfied with the financial results of the year. I did venture to hope that our income would reach \$8,000 this year, and \$10,000 next year. But though the former of these sums has not been reached this year, may we not aim at the latter for next year? To secure this result, every woman in our church who has a mind to work for the Master, and as far as possible every child, ought to be enlisted in this cause. There is no time to be lost; what is to be done should be done quickly. To some of the working members of our Society no doubt the coming year

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will be their last. Let us see that the vacancies which will be made by their removal shall be more than filled, and let the words of the Redeemer be deeply impressed upon each of us, "I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh, when no man can work."

There is one feature of peculiar interest in our meeting this year which must not be overlooked. By the good Providence of God we meet for the first time as the representatives of a united Methodism in this country. We welcome among us as delegates ladies who were connected with what were formerly known as the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and the Bible Christian church, as well as the Methodist Church of Canada, all of which have happily become one. I trust that the sisterly intercourse which we shall have together on this occasion will have the effect of drawing our hearts more closely together, and thus giving the finishing touch to the Union so far as we are concerned, and that the result of our united labors for the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer shall fully vindicate the great measure by which our denomination in the Dominion of Canada is enabled to present a united front to the world. Union is strength, and now that we stand as Methodist women shoulder to shoulder, with our faces against the common foe, if we are but fully baptized with the spirit, and endued with power from on high, what may we not accomplish in the name of the Lord Jesus!

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## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

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"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee," was the injunction to God's people of old, and although we have not forty years to review, yet this fourth year of our existence as a society will be found to contain many reasons for joyful thanksgiving to Him who has led us, not through a wilderness, but through pleasant paths of privilege and blessing.

As we have advanced from one point to another, gaining at each step a more extensive view, the fact has impressed itself with almost impatient force, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," and we have looked longingly for the time when each member of God's Israel at home, realizing the glorious opportunity afforded, as well as the unavoidable obligation imposed, should say, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." There seems to be but little difficulty in *overcoming*, the great obstacle seems to be the failure to *enter in*. We are glad, however, to report some advancement both at home and abroad.

But little change of numbers has occurred in the Crosby Girl's Home, there being eleven girls besides a little boy, the brother of one of the girls, whose mother died last summer. There are other girls who may enter soon.

Mrs. Crosby writes, "We have thought that by giving the institution more the character of an orphanage, it might be more useful. There are many children in different parts of the country—chiefly half-caste, who are left without proper care, and might be gathered in to such a refuge."

Miss Hendry, after laboring diligently and faithfully in the Home, as well as showing kindness in many ways to the sick and others in the village, has been married, but has found a worthy successor in Miss Knight, a lady from Halifax, N. S., who has for some time desired to work in some mission field of our own country, and who was so highly esteemed by the Halifax South Auxiliary that before leaving they made her a life member of our Society. Mrs. Crosby says, "Miss Knight is here, and has entered upon the duties of the Home. She brings a sweet, brave spirit to the work, and I hope may rejoice ere long in much good fruit." In this institution the Woman's Missionary Society has paid the salary of the matron and supported eight girls,

While expressing our gratitude for continued good health in the Home, our hearts are grieved over the sad bereavement which has come to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, and we pray that the constant presence of the Master may be their comfort and strength.

In the McDougal Orphanage there are nine girls and six boys, ranging in age from five to seventeen years most of whom have been more than a year in the institution. Besides being instructed from books at the Indian school, they are being taught by Miss Barker, their energetic and painstaking matron, to make themselves useful in and about the Home.

A new field of operation has been entered in Montreal by the opening of an institute or school for girls. Already there are more applicants than can be accommodated, and good results are confidently expected.

Mrs. Sewell, the Bible woman employed by the Society among the French, is doing quiet but very satisfactory work. She is also to take the position of matron in the school.

In Japan the work may be considered under two departments, the school and the Bible women, both important, and both full of encouragement. From its first opening the Jo Gakko (Girls' School) has met with favor, and families of wealth and position have sought entrance for their daughters, and have shown their appreciation by repeated and exceedingly kind acts of hospitality to our representatives the teachers.

The fees of the pupils partly pay for the native teachers and current expenses. One or two are unable to give anything, and are supported by Auxiliaries at home, with the expectation that after obtaining sufficient education they will become teachers in the school, and thus render back somewhat of that which they have received.

Two girls at least, last winter, sought baptism, and after a thorough examination by the pastor, were accepted. We have already heard of five others this fall.

The attendance and indications last season were such that no other course seemed open than to enlarge the buildings. This had to be done during the vacation, and the result has already proved the wisdom of it.

On the opening day, the 10th of September, there were sixty names enrolled, and over a hundred had made application. This necessitates more teachers whose expenses, however, will be largely met by the increase in fees. The building now affords accommodation for 170, fifty of whom may be boarders.

During last winter Miss Eliza Spencer joined Miss Cartmell in this grand work, and from the first has shown that she was the right one in the right place, and has occasioned many thanksgivings on her behalf. Energetic, practical and devoted, she has been a comfort and strength to her companion, and is happy and joyful in her work.

It was found necessary to have help with some of the younger pupils, and the ladies were fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Maud Cochran, who has shewn great earnestness, fidelity and kindness in this direction, securing the admiration of her fellow-laborers, the love of the children, and giving hope of development into a fully equipped and devoted worker in this department of the Master's service.

Our pioneer and greatly beloved Miss Cartmell has through the year been fully taxed, head, heart and hands fully engrossed, with the whole burden of the school upon her until Miss Spencer's arrival in the end of February, and after that, with much to consider concerning the enlargement of the school, etc., besides the actual teaching and a good deal of evangelistic work, laying tribute upon thought, sympathy and nerve, is it any wonder that the body could stand the strain no longer?

This fall, after the opening of the school, when apparently so much needed, she has been obliged, from head trouble and nervous exhaustion, to turn her back upon her much loved work and retire to the mountains for complete rest and relaxation. Dr. McDonald, however, hoped that with care she might be able to resume it again after a month or two. More help is needed, that our workers be not worn out.

A beginning has been made in the distinctive department of Bible visitation. Our president supports one Bible woman, and others are also having their hearts stirred up to help in this direction. Very interesting reports have been sent telling of souls saved through this agency, which seems so adapted to the needs of the people and so well fitted to reach the home life.

Miss Cartmell longs to be able to devote herself more fully to the training of just such workers, going with them among the people and striving to lead them to Christ.

A word at least of acknowledgment is due, and is most gratefully offered, to Dr. McDonald, Dr. Cochran, and the other missionaries in Japan, who have so cheerfully aided our ladies in their work, and without whose assistance we would not have had such progress to record.

As to our home work, there has been general advance, but not equal to our desire or to the need.

Through the year letters from our missionaries (which have been greatly appreciated), have been printed and sent to the Auxiliaries, to be read at their monthly meetings. Leaflets also have been freely distributed. These last have been provided through the special, unrecorded donations of a few ladies who believe missionary intelligence to be a great help to missionary benevolence.

The *Missionary Outlook* has been gladly welcomed to many new homes through the efforts of ladies belonging to our Auxiliaries in forming clubs for taking a number of copies. Through this messenger we are glad to record added sums to our society and more general acquaintance with the work of our church.

A considerable sum has been realized during the year through the mite boxes, proving these to be a well-devised channel to the treasury.

During the summer a very pleasant and profitable day was spent at Grimsby Camp, under the auspices of the W. M. S.

A prayer meeting in the morning was followed in the afternoon and evening by very interesting and stirring addresses from Mrs. Dr. Osborne, Mrs. Blackstock and Rev. Mr. Eby. The financial returns were good and Missionary zeal intensified.

Our field at home is divided as follows :

#### WESTERN BRANCH.

Including Niagara, London and Guelph Conferences, 27 auxiliaries, 875 members, including 65 life-members ; 3 mission bands with 149 members ; net income, \$2,369.69.

#### CENTRAL BRANCH.

Comprising Toronto and Bay of Quinte Conferences, 20 auxiliaries, 814 members, including 23 life-members ; 7 mission bands with 269 members ; net income \$2,663.85.

#### EASTERN BRANCH,

(*Montreal Conference.*)

6 auxiliaries, 294 members, 2 mission bands with 56 members ; income, \$809.15.

#### NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

5 auxiliaries, 179 members, including 15 life-members, 4 mission bands with 94 members ; income, \$781.97

#### NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

7 auxiliaries, 145 members, including 2 life members ; 1 mission band, 12 members ; income, \$218.59.

#### AUXILIARY OF ST. JOHNS EAST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

46 members, including 1 life-member ; 1 mission band ; income, \$167.90.

#### AUXILIARY OF ST. JOHNS WEST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

35 members, including 1 life member ; income, \$76.25.

#### WINNIPEG.

Organized, but no report of numbers.

GRAND TOTAL.

5 branches, 68 auxiliaries, 2,403 members, including 107 life-members; 18 Mission bands with 580 members ; income, \$7,087.40; from other sources \$365.52—\$7,452.92.

E. S. STRACHAN,  
Cor. Sec'y.

WESTERN BRANCH.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR 1884-85.

MY DEAR SISTERS :

We are gathered as representatives from the various places in which our Woman's Missionary Society has established its auxiliaries in the Western Branch, and as Corresponding Secretary it will now properly belong to me to confine my report to statistics bearing upon membership, etc., in order that you may know what progress or otherwise has been made during the year that has elapsed since we last met. I would refer you to the position our Society held in what constitutes one branch at the beginning of the year. We then had 19 auxiliaries scattered through the three conferences as follows : Niagara 11, London 4, Guelph 4 ; 19 auxiliaries in three conferences, containing 24 districts and 329 charges, many of them circuits embracing several appointments.

The first thought which would come to you at this comparative view would be, how can the work be extended so that each church would have an auxiliary connected with it—for this is the aim of the Society? There was no provision made for this beyond the rule laid down for the branch Corresponding Secretary in the clause of Art. 6, Sec. 3, which reads : "The Corresponding Secretary shall endeavor by all practical means to form auxiliaries within the prescribed territory of the Branch." It was found on examining the book that the former Secretary had written 65 letters to as many places, and answers quite indefinite in most cases had been received. It was therefore determined that some other plan must be adopted to awaken any interest, and with the consent of the President, one auxiliary in each district was made responsible for the formation of auxiliaries within its district, and letters were written to the superintendents of the districts where no auxiliary existed, and in most instances favorable replies were received.

The need for increased activity and extra effort will be felt when you learn that the rateable membership of our church is given as follows :

Niagara Conference .....	20,160.
Guelph " .....	21,158.
London " .....	20,356.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>61,674.</b>

The accompanying tables will show the position of the Society at the close of the year, Sept. 15th, an increase of 8 auxiliaries ;

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Cor. Sec'y.

AUXILIARIES.		No. of Members, Sept. 15th, 1884.	No. of Members, Sept. 15th, 1885.	Increase	Decrease	No. of Life Mem- bers, Sept. 15th, '84.	No. of Life Mem- bers, Sept. 15th, '85.	Increase.	No. of Mission Band Members '85.	Total No. Mem- bers Sept. 15th, '85.	No. of Public Meetings	No. of Monthly Meetings.	Avg'e attendance at Monthly Meet's.	Total No. of Meetings.
Hamilton.....	88	78		5	22	26	4	100	204	3	9	10	12	
Goderich.....	35	23		12	2	2			25	1	9	7	10	
Paris.....	32	29		3					29	1	10	8	11	
Simcoe.....	34	25		9					25		7	11	7	
Brantford.....	70	61		9	1	8	7		69	2	12	12	14	
St. Thomas.....	39	29		10	1	2	1		31		10	8	10	
Chatham.....	27	30	3						30		12	10	12	
Listowel.....	18	14		4					14		4	8	4	
Strathroy.....	37	42	5			1	1		43					
Burlington.....	33	37	4		1	3	2		40		12	9	12	
St Catharines.....	35	43	8		2	6	4	48	97	1	10	19	11	
Otterville.....	7	9	2						9		11	7	11	
London.....	46	44		2	8	9	1	1	54	1	10	15	11	
Jarvis.....	32	46	14						46					
Clinton.....	50	46		4	3	4	1		50	2	12	15	14	
Ingersoll.....	26	24		2		1	1		25		11	8	11	
Mitchell.....	25	65	40						65	3	12	10	15	
St. George.....	26	21		5					21	2	11	8	13	
Dundas.....	15	28	13		1	3	2		31	2	9	6	11	
Thorold.....	12	12							12		6	8	6	
Fingal.....	6	6							6		4	4	4	
Holmesville.....	13	13							13	1	7	10	8	
Oakville.....	37	37							37	1	7	15	8	
Fullarton.....	9	9							9		7	4	7	
Harriston.....	9	9							9		7	6	7	
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The Life Members were not added in with the Members last year, as agreed at Annual Meeting.

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REPORT OF BRANCH TREASURER.  
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AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite Boxes.	Sabbath Schools.	Sale of Reports.	Bequests.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Totals Raised by Auxiliaries.	Totals Received by Branch Treasurer.
Hamilton .....	\$77 00	\$100 00	\$275 00	\$41 14		\$50 08	\$22 00	\$3 75		\$93 15		\$662 12	\$662 12
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London .....	33 00	25 00			\$58 50	133 18		3 05		24 00	\$5 77	305 00	305 00
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Paris .....	26 62							50		2 25		38 75	38 75
Ingersoll .....	24 75				28 00	12 10		65		50		74 50	73 50
Dundas .....	26 50	25 00					17 81	60		9 00	2 00	71 91	71 91
Chatham .....	28 00							45		2 00	50	83 27	83 27
Goderich .....	35 73					26 30		1 45				35 73	35 73
St. Catharines .....	43 00	100 00						1 90			3 85	202 00	202 00
St. George .....	22 00				6 70	45 55		1 00		1 00		24 00	24 00
Strathroy .....	37 50							1 00				38 50	38 50
Burlington .....	69 00	25 00			10 00			1 00				104 00	104 00
Thorold .....	11 50					19 00						30 50	30 50
Jarvis .....	52 00						1 00	1 00				54 00	54 00
Holmesville .....	5 85			3 69		1 84		15				11 53	11 53
Oakville .....	18 95							80				19 75	19 75
Fullarton .....	7 00											7 00	7 00
Simcoe .....												50 00	50 00
Fingal .....	6 00	25 00				5 00						11 00	11 00
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## GLEANINGS FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES IN THE WESTERN BRANCH.

## HAMILTON.

The following is the statement of the year's work : Nine monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 19. Number of ordinary members, 79. Four life members have been added, making a total of twenty-six. Two entertainments and one lecture were given for the benefit of the Society. Letters appreciated. Mite boxes profitable.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION BAND.

As the Annual Meeting was held in Dec., the report covers a period of only nine months. There have been six regular meetings, at several of which the members took tea together and enjoyed a social evening. In addition to these, several special ones took place, chiefly for the purpose of preparing for the Kermese held in June. The membership has increased so that now we number 100, in addition to which we have 38 honorary members. Handed over to the auxiliary, \$275.00

## GODERICH.

Reports a decrease of members. Mite boxes are used with good results. The members of the auxiliary have been active throughout the year, in endeavoring to extend the Society in the District, and succeeded in organizing one at Holmesville.

## SIMCOE.

Three years ago this auxiliary was formed, mainly to maintain a girl in Crosby Home; we have done so, but little more, although during the past year 13 mite boxes have been distributed, from which we received \$15.41; also one new life member. We are going to try this year and advance, by trying to cultivate a true missionary spirit in our auxiliary and outside of it.

## BRANTFORD.

It is with feelings of gratitude we present the report for this auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Although our membership has slightly decreased, we are happy to report an increase of life-members. Funds also increased. Our esteemed President was made a life member at our last Annual Meeting. Much of the success of our Society has been due to her unflagging interest and untiring zeal in its welfare. She soon expects to return to the Missionary work in India. \$50 have been contributed to Japan work, in addition to the \$100.00 we are pledged to raise.

## ST. THOMAS.

Is an active auxiliary. Meetings held regularly. A bazaar, social, lecture and other public entertainments helped to raise the funds. Mite boxes are used. "Heathen Woman's Friend" taken as well as "Outlook."

## CHATHAM.

During the year ending September, 1885, we have held twelve regular business meetings, and several special meetings. Our membership exceeds that of last year, and it is with feelings of gratitude and pleasure that we are able to state that more interest has been manifested in the work and more funds raised, than in any previous year. Half of our members, at least, are subscribers for "The Missionary Outlook." Leaflets are distributed at our regular meetings; they are gladly received and are often handed to persons outside of the Society. So far, each year fifty dollars have been sent to the Crosby Home, the balance of our funds being appropriated for the Japan work. Last winter, a parcel of clothing, valued at about twenty dollars, was sent to the Indians in the North-west. One public entertainment during the year, viz :

a lecture on "Bible Lands," by Rev. W. Henderson. For some time past the regular meetings have been preceded by half-hour prayer meetings, which some attended who were not members, but have through this means become so.

## LISTOWEL.

Raised \$22.25 last year.

## STRATHROY.

Reports increase in members and fairly prosperous. Determined to continue to do all they can in this line of work.

## BURLINGTON.

The hearts of our people are still loyal to the cause of missions and our monthly meetings are on the whole well attended. Officers efficient. Conscious that zeal for missions will be in proportion to knowledge of mission work, we are anxious to disseminate this knowledge through the means of our Society, and pray for a baptism of faith and love and zeal for the salvation of precious souls,

## ST. CATHARINES.

Our auxiliary has gone steadily forward during the year. Increased membership. The sources of income outside the members' fees have been one public meeting, a social, small donations, mite boxes and labor producing income. St. Paul Street Church has a mission band of 48 members; its special object of work not yet decided.

## OTTERVILLE.

Though small, is anxious to add its mite. Monthly meetings are held and the letters and leaflets read and enjoyed, and contribute much to the interest taken in the Woman's Missionary Society.

## LONDON.

Though the income for the past year has not increased, we do not attribute this to any slackness of interest on the part of the members, but rather that the way did not seem open for an effort similar to the one made last year, viz: a bazaar, by which a large proportion of the income was raised. Mite boxes are distributed and \$133.18 gathered by these little gleaners. Our young friends, the Earnest Workers, have sent us \$11.00. We believe the future holds more for us than the past, as many are being led to ask about our progress and success.

## JARVIS.

The Jarvis auxiliary is composed of members from three appointments: Jarvis, Cheapside and Jennings. Monthly meetings held at all. A visit from Mrs. Osborne, Niagara Falls, contributed much to awaken an interest in the work. The Missionary spirit is increasing in Jarvis.

## CLINTON.

Reports a continued activity. Good attendance at meetings. Mite boxes used. Mrs. Messmore and Mrs. Dr. Williams visited the Society during the year. Leaflets and letters very welcome. Decrease in members caused by removals.

## INGERSOLL.

It is with mingled feelings of gratitude and sadness that we present our Second Annual Report. We miss from our circle our beloved Recording Secretary, an earnest Christian worker. "She lives whom we call dead." Other removals have lessened our numbers but our finances have nearly doubled. We wish specially to mention a donation of \$5.00 from Mrs. Whetstone, given in tender remembrance of her babes, who were taken from her during the winter of this year.

## MITCHELL.

Commenced the year with a membership of 25; we now report 65. Finances increased in same proportion. Three public meetings held; Mrs. Messmore addressed

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one, the others by ministers of the place. The ladies have been most active in endeavoring to form auxiliaries in the district, and succeeded in establishing one; we are very hopeful that in several more places this good work will be begun. Mite boxes used. Twelve members take *The Outlook*, and find it very helpful in disseminating needed information and stimulating missionary zeal. However wise our plans, we are only successful as our efforts are blessed by Him for whose name and glory we labor.

## ST. GEORGE.

After the annual meeting at St. Thomas we held our meeting here, and Miss Nixon read a carefully prepared paper, a report of the business and the addresses, all of which was encouraging and gave us a fresh inspiration. Mrs. VanBenschoten gave a lecture on missionary work in December, which was very interesting. Mrs. L. D. Osborn, Wesley Park, will give, on the last Sunday in Sept., two sermons, and on Monday evening a public lecture, the collections at which are for the missionary cause. Our letters from Mrs. Crosby, Miss Hendry, Miss Cartmell, J. B. McLean, Miss Spencer, Mr. McDougall, Mrs. Capron and others are read at the monthly meetings, and with great acceptance. The Sunday School collections of the last Sunday of every month are given for the benefit of the Crosby Home. In the *Missionary Outlook* we have a live paper, and we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the world is sadly in want of Gospel literature.

## DUNDAS.

The year just closing has not been as prosperous as we would wish, yet we trust our labor has not been in vain. Our membership roll now numbers 28, an increase of 4 during the year, and one of last year's members has become a life member. We have held nine regular monthly meetings, and two special monthly meetings, one addressed by Mrs. Dr. Osborn, and the other by Rev. C. S. Eby. Have sent to Branch Treasurer \$71.91, of which sum \$54.00 was raised by fees, and \$17.85 by three juvenile missionary meetings.

## THOROLD.

Was the first auxiliary to report as formed this year, Jan. 12. 11 members. Mrs. H. Beatty, Cor. Secretary.

## FINGAL.

Formed Jan. 6th. Members, 6. We are to glad state that we have the promise of additional names, and by direct personal effort we expect to have steady advancement. We are convinced that the sympathies and co-operation of the ladies may be awakened by keeping the matter before their minds and holding regular meetings, as provided by the constitution.

## HOLMESVILLE.

This auxiliary was organized early last spring. Our monthly meetings have been seasons of grace and great delight. We have been profited not only by reading the letters from our missionaries and by other missionary intelligence, but also by our united waiting at the throne of grace.

## OAKVILLE.

Our society has been organized for six months only, so we cannot compare this year with the past to find our standing. We have fair membership, but expect and hope for a much larger one. Much interest is taken in the work. Mite boxes used.

## FULLARTON.

Formed April 15th. Promises to be a very active auxiliary. Good workers and full of interest in what has been begun.

## HARRISTON.

Was formed June 3rd, through the efforts of Mrs. Alfred Andrews. Members, 6. Reports regularly.

## THE GROVE.

Members, 17, and

## SILOAM.

Members, 14, were organized late this year. Rev. Mr. Ford writes encouragingly of both.

## THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH.

HELD IN QUEENS AVENUE CHURCH, LONDON, OCT. 6th and 7th.

The President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, took the chair at 2:30 o'clock p. m. The Rev. D. G. Sutherland, pastor of the church, then led in prayer, after which the roll was called, 32 ladies being present as delegates, together with eight officers.

The number of visitors was also very large, several new auxiliaries sending representatives, although too lately formed to be entitled to delegates.

The Words of Welcome were then gracefully given by Mrs. W. Saunders, President of the London auxiliary, and appropriately replied to by Mrs. Dr. Hunter, of Hamilton.

Mrs. James Gooderham, President of the General Board, was then introduced, and gave a forcible and inspiring address, among other things referring to the cheering fact that both the ladies sent to Japan had been selected from the Western Branch, of which we might well be proud.

Reports were then given from several auxiliaries.

Mrs. Strachan then read some extracts from letters received from Mrs. Crosby and Miss Cartmell, which were listened to and received with marked interest and attention.

The sister societies were kindly represented by Mesdames Roger and Chisholm for the Presbyterian, and Mrs. Porter for the Baptist church. Sketches of the work amongst the women were given by these ladies, and much valuable information elicited.

The question drawer being then introduced, several questions were asked and answered.

The delegates and visitors were then invited to tea in the lecture hall, where an elegant repast was served by the Young People's Helping Society of the church, and two or three pleasant hours were spent in social intercourse.

The evening meeting attracted a large audience, Mrs. Van Benschoten being the principal speaker. She created a most favorable impression, winning her audience at once and holding attention through a somewhat lengthy but most enthusiastic address. The people responded with the liberal collection of \$39.44.

The Wednesday morning's session opened with devotional exercises, after which the reports of auxiliaries were resumed.

A discussion then arose as to the time of sending in moneys, when it was decided that it was better to empty the treasury of each auxiliary of all moneys received up to the 15th of Sept.

Mrs. Burns then gave in detail the report of each auxiliary as received and made up from the quarterly cards, Mrs. Detlor following with the Treasurer's account, also in detail. The substance of these two reports will be found combined in that of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Burns.

The invitation from St. Catharines having been laid over since last year, it was accepted for next year, and the annual meeting for 1886 fixed for that city.

The business of Wednesday afternoon was resumed early, the first thing of interest being the balloting for the officers and delegates. The result of the ballots left the staff of officers the same as last year, viz :

President : Mrs. Dr. Williams, Toronto.

Vice Presidents : { 1st, Mrs. Fowler, London.  
2nd, Mrs. Messmore, Brantford.  
3rd, Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford.

Recording Secretary : Mrs. J. H. McMechan, London.

Corresponding Secretary : Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas.

Treasurer : Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Clinton.

The delegates to the General Board meeting in Kingston on the 25th November were as follows : Mesdames Fowler, Detlor, Hunter, Brethour, Messmore, Hadley ; Miss Morgan, Mrs. Maxwell. Alternates, Mesdames Glass and McMechan.

An interesting paper on "Our Work," by Mrs. Fowler, was then read by Mrs. Detlor, and received with approbation.

Several resolutions were moved, seconded and carried, and sent as a memorial to the General Board, which appear among the minutes of that body.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Y. P. H. S., the choir, our hostesses, the trustees of the church, etc. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, and the third and most successful annual meeting was brought to a close.

A. G. McMECHAN, Rec. Sec.

## CENTRAL BRANCH.

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

We have come to the close of the third year of the Central Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, and we may well raise our voices in thanksgiving for the success that is crowning our efforts, not only in the much more general interest taken by the women of this Dominion, in our Society, but for the success that is so encouraging the hearts of our missionaries in the far distant fields, and for the testimony that they give that all is well with them, and that they feel that they are where God would have them be ; and lastly, our success financially has been greater than any previous year, all of which, is, to our faith, a token of the guiding Providence whose path in the world's history is always "better farther on."

During last fall and winter, we were actively engaged in endeavoring to create increased interest in our Society by correspondence with ministers on various circuits, and our efforts were not all in vain, for while last year we had 14 auxiliaries and 5 mission bands, this year it is our pleasure to be able to record 20 auxiliaries, and 7 mission bands, and an interest awakened on other circuits, which, we trust, will soon result in a much larger number being connected with this Branch. We regret that Port Hope has dropped from our list, but during the early months of this year Mrs. Blackstock kindly visited and succeeded in organizing auxiliaries at Bowmanville, Oshawa, Newmarket, Barrie, and Lindsay. The Newcastle, Orono, and Kirby auxiliaries decided to separate, and thereby add another to our list. In the Carlton St. Church a mission band has just been formed, and the young ladies are entering enthusiastically into the work. The demand for mite boxes has been very large. There have been 425 distributed in this Branch alone, and they have been found to help greatly in increasing the funds of our Society. Our membership this year, including 269 members of mission bands, and twenty-three life members, is 1083, an

increase of 493 over last year. The receipts from city auxiliaries are \$1408.53; outside auxiliaries \$796.64, making auxiliary receipts \$2205.17.

From other sources, donations, etc., \$163.80, and special for the building of the school in Japan, \$354.00, making the total amount raised in this Branch this year, \$2722.97.

R. M. BRIGGS, Rec. Sec.

### THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

The third Annual Meeting of the Central Branch was held in Queen St. Church, Toronto, on Thursday, October 22nd, 1885.

The Chair was occupied by the President, Mrs. D. Kerr, who gave an interesting address, reviewing the work of the year.

Reports from Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, Branch Secretaries, and Treasurers were read, showing a gratifying increase over last year's receipts.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:

President: Mrs. D. Kerr, 406 Sherbourne Street.

Vice-Presidents: { 1st, Mrs. Gooderham, 166 Carlton Street.  
2nd, Mrs. Dr. Williams, 259 Ontario Street.  
3rd, Mrs. J. Thompson, Elm Ave., Rosedale.  
4th, Mrs. R. T. Walker, Surrey Place, Grenville Street.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. B. Willmott, 46 Bond Street.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. W. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street.

Treasurer: Mrs. R. Brown, 412 Jarvis Street.

Committee of Management: Mesdames Saunders, Orr, Hillock, Ogden, Tyner, W. T. Aikins, Galley, Brett, Philp, Bastedo, Griffith, Miss M. Wilkes.

### EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES IN CENTRAL BRANCH.

#### TORONTO EASTERN AUXILIARY, INCLUDING SHERBOURNE, BERKELEY, WOODGREEN, PARLIAMENT AND GERRARD STREET CHURCHES.

The attendance at the monthly meetings during the past year has been fair. Our hearts have been cheered from time to time by the correspondence received from our dear sister missionaries in distant lands, and we have felt in listening to their plans for carrying out their work that new missionary zeal has been inspired in our hearts, and fresh longings for a deeper personal life imparted. Members, 117; life members, 6. Fees and proceeds from mite boxes and sale of reports, \$236.62.

#### SHERBOURNE STREET YOUNG LADIES MISSION CIRCLE.

The past year has been the most successful in every way of any since the circle was started three years and a half ago. Two public entertainments were given during the year, and a very successful bazaar was held in December, 1884. Besides these a number of social meetings were held at the homes of some of the members, and proved pleasant and profitable. Membership, 72; amount contributed, \$250.

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## METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

The past year has been a successful one. Six monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 27. At these the letters full of interest, which have been received from Japan and the Northwest, were read, and with the growing knowledge of our mission fields which they bring to us, our sympathies are more fully aroused. Mite boxes were introduced into this auxiliary more than a year ago with marked success; 46 were distributed this year, the returns from which have been \$51.94. Members, 66; life members, 10; amount contributed, \$204.41.

## METROPOLITAN YOUNG LADIES MISSION CIRCLE.

In order to lose no opportunity of gaining information, the circle decided to unite with the auxiliary in the monthly meetings. In this way we endeavor, not only to keep abreast with the work of the society, but to draw out and develop the latent talent of our circle, one of the young ladies being expected to read an original paper at each meeting. We have now forty members. The amount sent to the treasurer of the branch was \$175.

## CARLTON STREET.

We feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father for the success which has attended our efforts during the year, since our auxiliary was formed. On account of special meetings, we have only held six monthly meetings, with an average attendance of seventeen members; but these gatherings have been pleasant and profitable. We have recently formed in connection with our Auxiliary a Mission Band, and our young people have entered heartily into the work. Members, 54; one life member. Amount contributed, \$136.78.

## ELM STREET AUXILIARY.

We have not been able to meet as often as we would have wished, owing to the long-continued revival services held in our church by the Rev. T. Harrison; but as each member through these services has received a richer and fuller knowledge of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," we feel we have been great gainers, and trust that our next report may show more fruit than the present one. Members, 34. Amount contributed, \$48.16.

## ELM STREET MISSION BAND.

This band was re-organized for work on the evening of February 10. There were five meetings held, two public and three monthly meetings. There are twenty-five members. Amount contributed, \$50.87.

## TORONTO WESTERN—QUEEN STREET AUXILIARY.

Every meeting has been a means of grace, raising us higher in Christian zeal and effort. Monthly meetings were held up to June, and more than one regretted that our coming vacations compelled us to adjourn. Our membership is seventy-six, a small decrease from our last quarterly report, accounted for by the withdrawal of Dundas Street church, which we hope will soon have an auxiliary of their own. We have one new life member, Mrs. C. Shore, making three in all. Members, 76; 3 life members. Amount contributed, \$120.20.

## QUEEN STREET MISSION BAND.

Members, 61. Amount contributed, \$120.37.

## NEWCASTLE, ORONO, AND KIRBY.

We desire to record our gratitude to God for the success which has attended our efforts during the past year. Our monthly meetings have been the means of stimulating our zeal and directing our energies into practical channels, as a larger box of clothing recently sent out to Morley mission will testify. The "Little Gleaners" mission band also contributed their share to the box by way of beautifully prepared card and picture albums, and other little presents. The Little Gleaners held a pub-

lic entertainment on Good Friday, the programme consisting of a well-rendered missionary concert exercise, followed by a much appreciated address by Mrs. W. S. Blackstock. Their monthly meetings are also steadily growing in interest, especially since little boys are allowed to become members, and the ministers attend their meetings. At the close of this year we disband by mutual consent, in order to re-organize into two auxiliaries, to be known hereafter as the Newcastle Auxiliary and the Orono and Kirby Auxiliary. Members, 36; life members, 2. Amount \$73.

## BOWMANVILLE.

Through the influence of an address delivered by Mrs. W. T. Blackstock last January, this society was organized with a membership of 22, which has since been increased to 28 and one honorary member. We have held our monthly meetings regularly, which are growing in interest, and we think are mutually of great benefit, and are thankful to the Giver of all good that in this way we are able to contribute our mite to the missionary cause. Amount contributed, \$37.55.

## OSHAWA.

This society was organized on the 28th January, 1885, by Mrs. Blackstock. Monthly meetings have been held regularly, fairly attended and very interesting. Members, 42. Amount contributed, \$30.

## NAPANEE.

The year has glided so swiftly by that we can scarcely realize that we are again to present our annual report. We have reason to be grateful for increased interest, especially toward the close of the year, when a very successful entertainment was held. Membership, 28. Amount contributed, \$54.50.

## NEWMARKET.

We regret to report a not very promising state for our auxiliary. For various reasons we have only held a few meetings. Members, 15. Amount contributed, \$14.55.

## BARRIE.

This auxiliary was organized by Mrs. W. S. Blackstock in February, 1885, with a membership of 24, which has since increased to 67. We have only been at work for the half year, but our income has been \$64, the proceeds of membership fees, sale of reports, mite-boxes, and a donation of \$3 from Mrs. A. E. Baptie. Our monthly meetings have been well attended, and all have received much spiritual good. We desire to support an Indian girl at the Crosby Home, and have her named Barietta.

## BRAMPTON.

Reports an increase of members and a constantly growing interest in mission work. Eleven monthly meetings have been held, the average attendance being twenty. Members, 41; life members, 3. Amount contributed, \$116.25.

## UXBRIDGE.

We do not this year report any increase in our members. Our meetings have been held monthly without exception during the year, and we think there is a growing interest in our work. A mission band was formed and our children are being taught to give of their own earnings. Members, 25. Amount contributed, \$145.23.

## LAKEFIELD.

During this year eight regular meetings have been held. We trust that the year upon which we now enter may prove one of greater consecration and zeal for our Master. Members, 21. Amount contributed, \$36.50.

## STREETSVILLE.

In presenting our second annual report we have mingled feelings of regret and thankfulness. Regret that more has not been accomplished by us, and the feeling that

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perhaps more personal effort and earnest pleading with our Heavenly Father would have secured greater success. During the year eleven monthly meetings were held, with an average attendance of seven. Three public meetings have been held during the year, which were interesting and profitable. Membership, 15; life member, 1. Amount contributed, \$52.83.

## BELLEVILLE.

Reports an increasing interest in the work of this society. Monthly meetings not very regularly held during the early months of the year, but during the latter part the attendance was more encouraging. Members, 40, Amount contributed, \$81.86.

## LINDSAY.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month; average attendance, 15. A children's mission band has been formed lately in connection with this auxiliary. They meet to work for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoons. Members, 25. Amount contributed, \$29.07.

## EASTERN BRANCH.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

We present this, our second annual report, with devout feelings of thankfulness and praise to our Heavenly Father, whose kind providence hath brought us through another various year, and crowned our humble efforts with a measure of success. To Him be all the glory.

During the year new and promising auxiliaries have been formed at Farmersville and at Pembroke, and a very interesting and successful Mission Band has been organized at Quebec. We have to regret, however, the loss of the Napanee auxiliary, which has been transferred to the Central Branch.

We now number 6 auxiliaries and 2 Mission Bands, with a total membership of 359, being an increase of one auxiliary, one Mission Band and 27 members.

The total receipts of our auxiliaries and Mission Bands for the year amounted to \$809.15.

We regret that during the year now closed we have not been able to accomplish more. Yet we are not disheartened, but on the contrary we gird ourselves with fresh courage and loftier faith for greater achievements in our Master's work. The interest in the aims and objects of our Society is steadily increasing, and we earnestly pray for an ever widening, ever deepening interest therein.

The French work falls largely under the care and management of our Montreal and Ottawa auxiliaries. The former by steady and persevering effort has just succeeded in establishing an institute for girls in Montreal, to be conducted somewhat similarly to that of our Presbyterian brethren at Pointe Aux Tremble. Applications for admission already exceed the accommodation, and its prospects are most promising. The Montreal auxiliary also sustain a woman Bible reader to the French, whose visits, readings and prayers have not been in vain. The Ottawa auxiliary has devoted its energies to the work in Hull, but feeling that no permanent results were likely to be attained without having a place of worship as a home for our people, they are now laudably working with that end in view, and are in hopes of shortly accomplishing their object.

In reviewing the past we are astonished at what God hath wrought through the instrumentality of this Society within four short years. The work is a noble one, calling for the most consecrated talents and the most self-denying labors. It is worthy of

and entitled to your most active sympathy, your most cordial co-operation, your most enlarged Christian liberality, and above all and with all your most fervent prayers.  
All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. E. WALKER,  
Cor. Sec. E. B. W. M. S.

MONTREAL AUXILIARY.

*French Work.*

The record of the Montreal auxiliary for the year 1884-5 calls for gladness and thanksgiving. Our membership has increased, our monthly meetings have been well attended, and we are at least within sight of the goal to which we have been looking and working ever since the formation of our Society, viz.; the establishment of a French institute for girls. Only those who have attended the mothers' meetings, and also the committee meetings of the different departments know the earnest prayers and anxious efforts that have been put forth to reach even the initial stages of our enterprise.

We have rented the house No. 12 Elizabeth street, in which we shall be able to accommodate 12 boarders. This is not a large number, but perhaps it is as many as we ought to take in this our first year. Already we have more applicants than we can receive. Our hearts and our sympathies go out to them all, and we would like to take them every one in, but alas! we cannot, unless they are able to pay, or some one will pay for them who will help in this matter. Perhaps the very poorest among them may be the ones God will call to be "chosen vessels" unto Him.

Mrs. Sewell, our faithful Bible reader, has been retained in the position of matron and we trust that her influence under God may be a great blessing to the young girls under her charge. We desire above all things that they may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Any parents who entrust their children to our care may be assured that they will receive every care and attention in the Institute, and that the education provided will be of the first class.

In order that all the information available might be at the disposal of the committee, a number of ladies visited the very successful Institute at Pointe Aux Tremble under the auspices of the Presbyterian Society, and although the scholars are away for their vacation, much was learned in regard to the domestic management of the Institute, terms of admission, etc. The Boys' Institute, the Girl's Institute and the Primary Mission day School are to be merged into one department so far as the classes are concerned, making the instruction throughout uniform.

Miss Cunin, the teacher engaged for the Girl's Institute and Mission School, comes to us with very high recommendations and first-class diplomas. A gentleman from Switzerland, a graduate of Divinity, will take the higher classes both of boys and girls. It was expected that the Institute would be open for the reception of pupils the 1st of October, but owing to the epidemic existing in the city it has been decided to postpone the opening until a later date. A number of ladies have kindly donated articles of furniture to the Institute, but we still require a great many things, and would be glad of any help in this direction. Perhaps it ought to be added that a committee has been appointed—called the home committee—to supervise the Institute in all its working, visiting it weekly or oftener if necessary.

Our Bible reader Mrs. Sewell has been engaged as in former years in house-to-house visiting. This is not a work that can be tabulated or reckoned upon—reading with one, praying with another, and speaking a word of cheer to still another. It does not amount to very much in a report, but we trust that when the reaping time shall come this faithful toiler "shall come rejoicing, bringing in her sheaves." In this work we rest ourselves upon the promise that His word *shall* not return unto Him void; that "in due season we *shall* reap if we faint not."

These extracts from the report may give the impression that this French work is the work of the Montreal auxiliary alone; this would not be true, for it bears the same

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relation to the Society that the work in Japan or the Northwest does. The ladies of the auxiliary, however, supervise the work to the best of their ability. Amount contributed, \$390.59.

*The Young Ladies Missionary Society.*

This Society has been working vigorously during the year. Have held very pleasant monthly meetings, and report a growing interest in the work. They have divided their funds between the work at St. Theodore and the French work in Montreal. Amount contributed, \$72.76.

Total amount from Montreal auxiliary, \$463.35.

OTTAWA.

Our auxiliary can give no report of great work accomplished during the year. It has been more a time of watching and waiting for the best opportunities of carrying on the work for which we were first organized, viz., the furtherance of the French Protestant cause in our city and in Hull. We have rendered some little assistance to the work, and have bestowed some practical sympathy upon the Indians at Oka.

The great need has impressed itself on our minds and hearts of providing a place of worship and school room for the French Protestants. Until this is done very little can be accomplished. We are hoping to receive help in this matter from the board of the General Society. Those who have attended the monthly meetings have manifested unwavering interest in the work. Number of members, 44. Amount contributed, \$86.95.

KINGSTON.

This auxiliary is still animated by the true missionary spirit. During the year eleven monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 20, also two public meetings, at which collections were taken up.

A lecture and a social under the auspices of our Society, were given during last winter for the purpose of increasing the interest in our work, and also increasing our funds. Number of members, 52, including four life members. Amount raised during the year, \$108.56.

BROCKVILLE.

God has blessed our efforts, and we may safely call the past year a successful one. Our members have increased, also our income. We regret the removal of both our beloved President, Mrs. T. G. Williams, and our faithful Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sherwood. To their untiring energy much of the success of the year is due. Number of members, 50. Subscribers to the *Outlook*, 42. The proceeds from mite boxes nearly double that of last year. Amount contributed, \$74.60.

"We dare not idle stand  
While upon every hand  
The whitening fields declare the harvest near."

FARMERSVILLE.

This auxiliary was formed by Mrs. T. G. Williams, late President of the Brockville auxiliary. As it is the first year, we have very little to report. We are looking for an increase both of zeal and effort in this work, so dear to our hearts. Amount contributed, \$10.00.

PEMBROKE.

This auxiliary has only been in existence a few weeks, but we intend to have a noble record next year, God helping us. Amount contributed, \$14.00.

QUEBEC MISSION BAND.

It is with great pleasure we record the organization of a Mission Band in this old historic city of Quebec. Great praise is due Miss Holt for her earnestness in urging its

formation. The interest taken in the work is great, and the Band have supported a girl in the Crosby Home during the year. Amount contributed, \$50.00.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF EASTERN BRANCH.

The second annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in Dominion Church, Ottawa, Oct. 6th and 7th. The first session was held Tuesday, at 3 p. m., Mrs. W. E. Ross, the president of the branch, presiding. Opened by responsive scripture exercise.

Mrs. Longley, the retiring president of the Ottawa Auxiliary, in a very happy address welcomed the delegates to the capital, and Mrs. Lucas, of Montreal, briefly replied. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. After singing the consecration hymn, "Take my life and let it be," the president gave the annual address.

Reports were received from Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Farmersville and Pembroke Auxiliaries, also from Montreal and Quebec Mission Bands.

The report of the corresponding secretary was then given, followed by that of the Treasurer. The reports were adopted.

Mrs. Thorburn, organizer of the Presbyterian society for the district of Ottawa, warmly welcomed the delegates and expressed her pleasure at being permitted to meet with the Missionary workers of the Methodist Church. At the request of the president she gave an account of their method of organization, work, etc.

An animated conversation followed upon some special features of the work in this branch.

Meeting adjourned after the benediction was pronounced.

#### MORNING SESSION, OCT. 7, AT 9.30.

Meeting opened by devotional exercises. President in the chair. Minutes read and approved. Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mrs. Walker, to the great regret of all, declining to accept office for another year. Delegates to the General Board were next appointed.

Amendment of constitution.—Moved by Mrs. J. Ross, seconded by Mrs. J. Skinner, that we endorse the amendment suggested by the "Union Committee" appointed by the General Board. Carried.

By-Laws.—Each Auxiliary shall pay the expenses of delegates sent by the auxiliary to the Branch Meeting.

All collections taken at the public meeting of the Branch shall belong to the Branch Treasury. Mrs. Longley gave a very interesting account of the work undertaken by the Ottawa ladies, and a most satisfactory explanation of their peculiar position with regard to it.

A most profitable conversation followed, as to how our membership may be increased, etc.

Mrs. Ross and Miss Shipman expressed the hope that the next Annual Meeting would be held in Brockville.

Mrs. Morton moved a cordial vote of thanks to the ladies of the Ottawa auxiliary for their hospitality, and for the thoughtful care manifested in all the arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates.

The Doxology was sung, prayer offered, and the Second Annual Meeting of the Eastern Branch was closed.

#### OFFICERS OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

President: Mrs. W. E. Ross, 178 Mountain Street, Montreal.

Vice-Presidents: { Mrs. Morton, Montreal.  
Mrs. Hooker, Kingston.  
Mrs. Woodcock, Brockville.

Recording Secretary : Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Montreal.  
 Corresponding Secretary : Mrs. T. G. Williams, Pembroke.  
 Treasurer : Mrs. Wm. McRossie, Kingston.

## NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

### SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The swiftly succeeding months have brought us to the close of another year, and, as we make some record of the second year of our history as a branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for his abundant blessings.

Although the anticipations with which we commenced the year have only in a small measure been realized, yet we are assured that there is a growing interest in our cause, and seed has been scattered here and there throughout our Province, which, we trust, will bring forth an abundant harvest in our future history.

"God alone  
 Beholds the end of what is sown,  
 Beyond our vision weak and dim,  
 The harvest time is hid with Him."

For some time, we have been considering the question of sending out a delegation to form new auxiliaries, but thus far, circumstances have not favored such a movement. Wherever any of our members have been visiting during the summer, they have endeavored to extend the work, and, as a result of such effort, an auxiliary has been recently organized in Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County. Two mission bands have also been organized during the year, the "Cheerful Givers" of Guysboro, and the "Helping Hands" of Bridgetown, Annapolis County. In the meantime, the latter will connect with Halifax North Auxiliary. We look upon the interest our young people are taking in the missionary cause, as a hopeful sign of progress, and we rejoice in the prospect of successors equipped with a thorough knowledge of the work.

The year just ended has been characterized by a special token of Divine favour. One of our members, Miss Knight, who has long been desirous of giving herself to the work in the Northwest, left us a few months ago, filled with a zeal for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We are assured that she has gone forth at the Master's call, and in her, we feel that we have a strong link in the chain that binds our hearts together in this most glorious missionary enterprise. While upon her the burden falls, it is our part to ask that she may be Divinely assisted in every season of trial and perplexity. We were much pleased to hear of Miss Knight's appointment to the Crosby Home, for we feel that she is much more closely connected with our work, which seems more real than ever before. Our hearts were deeply touched when the sad news of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby's sore bereavement reached us. We pray that Miss Knight may be a comfort and blessing to Mrs. Crosby in her great sorrow.

We have been cheered by the tidings that occasionally come to us from the MacDougall Orphanage, which has always enlisted our sympathies. We realize more than ever that there is only one thing that can make our Indians peaceable, and that is the Gospel. May the time be not far distant when these children of the forest shall "sit meekly at the feet of Jesus."

Dr. Meacham's visit at the beginning of the year greatly increased the interest in the Japan mission, and this interest has been deepened by the frequent and most interesting letters of Miss Cartmell and Miss Spencer. It is both encouraging and

stimulating to hear how the native Christians are letting their light shine amidst the darkness of idolatry and superstition.

We go forward to the work of another year with renewed zeal and hope, thankful that we are permitted to have a part in the glorious work of bearing to those weary souls who know it not, "the gladdening, strengthening power that fills our own."

Present membership of Nova Scotia Branch, 179; Life Members, 15; membership of Mission Bands, 94; total income, \$781.97.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUD WHISTON,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

#### HALIFAX NORTH.

We are glad to report a growing interest in the work, and the amount raised this year represents more self-denial and more given as thank-offerings. Our monthly meetings all through the year have been most enjoyable. The letters received from the different mission fields have been great helps in increasing our zeal. They have also shown how much we, as workers at home, need the same entire consecration for service that animates and influences our labourers in the mission fields.

In August, we heard with much pleasure from Mrs. W. E. Ross, President of the Montreal Branch, of the work being done, and that contemplated in connection with the French School in the City of Montreal. A mission band, auxiliary to our auxiliary, has been recently organized in Bridgetown. Owing to the removal of their President, the "Earnest Gleaners" have not been able to do anything this year.

Memberships, 52; life-members, 2; total income, \$272.36.

#### THE REAPERS' MISSION BAND.

At the beginning of the year, the "Reapers" feeling that more interest would be taken in the work if a definite object were always before them, had papers prepared on the MacDougall Orphanage, Crosby Home, and Japan work by different members. The insight into the work that these papers gave showed the "Reapers" that much help was needed at each of these places, and on a vote being taken, it was decided that the money raised during the year should be sent to the MacDougall Orphanage, but if the sum amounted to or exceeded \$100.00, it should be equally divided between the MacDougall Orphanage and the Japan Missions.

Nineteen mite boxes have been taken by different members, which have added \$31.00 to our income. Our total income for the year is \$110.

The "Reapers" feel honored that they have been allowed to help in the work. They will be encouraged by the result shown to renew their efforts, so that though at home, all may be true mission workers in the cause, to which so many have been and are being devoted.

#### THE "HELPING HAND" BRIDGETOWN.

The "Helping Hand" Mission Band was organized August 4th. We have 11 members, and hope to persuade more to join.

Our missionary meetings are to be held once a month. We intend sewing in connection with our mission work. As all the funds have been spent in materials for work, we have not as yet any money to contribute.

#### HALIFAX SOUTH.

The year 1884-85 has been one of harmony amongst ourselves, and quiet work for the Master. While we have derived spiritual growth and profit from efforts put forth in this cause, which is so directly in line with the spirit of Christianity in earnest, but nothing special has occurred to mark our meetings as we assembled month by month. The fact, however, that one of our number after patient waiting has at length seen her way open to active service, has been to us a matter fraught with interest. While parting from her we yet have permanent her connection with us by making her a life member. We believe her going forth will bring the work nearer to us,

cause us to realize it more, and stimulate us to greater activity in the mission cause. During the year we have been called upon to sympathise with our President, Mrs. Allison, in deep affliction, also to accept her resignation.

## CORALLINE MISSION BAND.

A year has passed, and we present the annual report of our Mission Band. During the winter we held weekly meetings for sewing and fancy work, also a monthly missionary meeting, which we endeavored to make interesting by special prayer for missions, reading letters from the foreign fields, and extracts of general missionary intelligence. Our meetings have been held regularly, but the attendance has not been large. Notwithstanding this, the good work is increasing. A bazaar was held in July, and after deducting expenses, we handed in \$50.00, our first contribution to the Woman's Missionary Society, which we wish to be appropriated to Miss Knight's support. In addition to the \$50.00, we send \$8.85, which we would like to give to the MacDougall Orphanage. This sum is a legacy from a dear little boy who desired that it should be appropriated for children.

We are sure that God has blessed our efforts in the past year, and in looking to Him for help we expect to do better in the future.

## GUYSBORO.

Our Society is sustaining reverses, first in the removal of our President, the loss of whose presence and energetic spirit is apparent, and now in our Vice-President going to the Northwest territory. This last, however, will quicken our sympathies with the Northwest Mission, and lead us to pray more fervently that the good news of peace may reach the homes and hearts of the Blood Indians, among whom one of our own number is to live, possibly to suffer at their hands.

The Cheerful Givers' Mission Band still give cheerfully, and resume their meetings, after a vacation, with undiminished interest.

## WINDSOR.

We are sorry that we have not a more favorable report. Our membership is unchanged. We have added four new members, but have lost the same number by removal. The amount contributed this year is less than last year, although in reality more has been given, as last year one lady gave a donation of \$24.00. We would gladly have done much more, but we have many pressing claims. We hope we shall be able to do more in the future. Our remittance of \$57 last year not reaching the Treasurer in time to appear in her statement, is added this year.

## MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.

Recently formed. Contribution, \$3.00.

## SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch was held in the parlor of the Brunswick Street Church, on Thursday afternoon, October 15th, at 3 o'clock.

The officers of the Branch and delegates from auxiliaries met for the election of officers and other business, after which the members of auxiliaries, mission bands, and other friends of the cause were cordially welcomed.

After an address by the President, Mrs. Geo. H. Starr, who referred to several encouraging circumstances, very interesting reports were received from auxiliaries and mission bands. The annual report showed that this Branch comprises five auxiliaries and five mission bands; 174 members, 15 of whom are life-members; the amount raised this year, including \$57 not acknowledged last year, is \$787.27.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President : Mrs. Geo. H. Starr.

Vice-Presidents : { Mrs. S. F. Huestis, Halifax North.  
Mrs. W. F. MacCoy, Halifax South.  
Mrs. W. H. Evans, Guysboro.  
Mrs. Rowland Morton, Windsor.  
Mrs. H. P. Doane, Middle Musquodoboit.

Corresponding Secretary : Mrs. S. E. Whiston.

Recording Secretary : Miss Lillie Silver.

Treasurer : Miss Mary Ray.

The large number of ladies present testified to the deep interest taken in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a beautiful banner, the gift of one of the young ladies of the "Reapers" Mission Band. It was immediately sold, and four dollars were added to the fund of the Branch. Not only from this meeting, but also from the enthusiastic series of public meetings held by the General Board, the work in Nova Scotia has received an impetus which makes the outlook for the future very encouraging. Since the annual meeting, three new auxiliaries have been reported, one in Horton, and two in the flourishing town of Yarmouth, making the number of auxiliaries comprising the Nova Scotia Branch at present eight. "We thank God and take courage."

In the evening a large and interesting public meeting was held, under the auspices of the Branch in Brunswick Street Church. The city pastors took part in the meeting, and occupied seats on the platform, which was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns. Rev. S. F. Huestis conducted the opening exercises, after which the Chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto. Effective and stirring addresses were delivered by the Revs. A. E. Russ, C. S. Eby, and A. E. Green, which were interspersed with excellent and appropriate music by the choir. A collection amounting to \$45.54 was a tangible expression of the interest manifested in this interesting and profitable meeting, which closed with the Doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. Pickard, of Sackville, N. B.

## NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

From letters of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Beer, of Charlottetown, we gather the following :

Our earnest worker, the late president, Mrs. Burwash, made every endeavor to have us formed into a branch while Conference met, and succeeded ; but because of our monthly meeting not taking place in June, there was not any plan made for sending for officers of other auxiliaries, otherwise, we are, I hope, constitutionally formed. We hope to have as many as ten auxiliaries connected with us.

St. Stephen, the first organized, has sent us a very encouraging letter, ringing with the true spirit.

Charlottetown stands firm in the glorious work for the extension of the Master's kingdom.

In Bedeque they have been very much blessed in their monthly meetings ; and if I may be allowed to give testimony, each meeting has been "a feast of fat things" to me. The ladies of this society are earnest workers for the Master.

Miss Stewart writes from Sackville that immediately after the visit of Dr. Meacham in their midst the interest was so awakened that they joined themselves into their present number, December 8th, 1884. At last accounts they had twenty mem-

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I visited Tryon and Summerside, in each place organizing a society. Cornwall was organized in June. I would like to give you a full account of the "excellent ones" in these places and how my heart was made glad by their response to the call for mission workers, the ministers especially coming to the front as much as possible.

I have looked upon these organizations as spiritual benefits. My great desire is that in these Maritime Provinces, we will do a great work. Pray for us: each society asks for prayers. We want knowledge and wisdom; we want the power of the Holy Spirit poured upon us; we feel the necessity of every professor coming out and bringing "all the tithes into the storehouse," that the finances of every *live* Christian woman be put to a right use, that each may know that all she has is the Lord's, and that each may consecrate herself afresh, and sing with Miss Havergal,

"Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold."

We number 7 auxiliaries; 145 members, including 2 life members, 1 mission band of 12 members, and we have raised \$218.59.

#### ST. JOHNS EAST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We have an increase in our funds of \$30.50 over last year. The regular monthly meetings have been held and the interest is increasing. We shall be able to report several new members next time, a number having joined at the annual meeting.

The mission band is also making good progress, and the members are taking a deep interest in the society's work. They have formed a sewing circle, and at a sale of their work they realized a handsome sum, from which they devoted fifty dollars for the education of a native girl at Miss Cartmell's school in Japan. I am sorry that I cannot report the number of their members, not having been able to obtain the exact figures.

(Signed)

E. T. BREHM, *Cor. Sec.*

#### ST. JOHNS WEST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

During the past year we lost by removals and other causes nine of our members, but we have secured ten new ones to fill their places. We hope for this year a still further increase to our numbers, and consequently greater interest in the mission work. Together with the St. Johns East Auxiliary we wish to support a child in the Japan school, and would like some information respecting our little girl.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

The committees appointed by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the late Methodist Church of Canada and the late Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada to arrange for and complete the union of these two Societies, met in Toronto, April 7th, 8 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. James Gooderham.

Mrs. Gooderham was appointed to preside, and Mrs. Carman to act as Secretary. After some discussion, the following preamble, constitution and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, previous to the union of the Methodist Churches of this country there was a Woman's Missionary Society in the Methodist Church of Canada, and a Woman's Missionary Society also in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada;

And whereas, the General Conference of the Methodist Church in its session at Belleville in 1883 passed the following resolution, viz :

“ Moved by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by the Rev. S. F. Huestis, that this conference desires to express its hearty sympathy with the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist Church of Canada and of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada as valuable auxiliaries in missionary work, and recommends the incorporation of these societies with the missionary organization of the Methodist Church as now constituted ;”

And whereas, the Missionary Board at its session in Kingston in October, 1884, in presence of the foregoing resolution, recommended that the two Societies above named unite into one Society and carry on their operations under one organization and as one Society in harmony with the general missionary policy of the said Methodist Church ;

And whereas, both of the aforesaid Woman's Missionary Societies in their regular annual meeting pursuant to the aforesaid recommendation of the Missionary Board decided upon steps to effect such union in one Society and organization, and appointed committees to meet and arrange and complete such union ;

Therefore be it agreed by these committees representing the respective Woman's Missionary Societies and Boards now in session assembled, that the said Woman's Missionary Societies as recognized by the late General Conference of the Methodist Church be united into one Society and organization, under the following constitution:

Said constitution being arranged and adopted by a comparison of the respective constitutions of the above mentioned Woman's Missionary Societies, which will be found at the close of this general report.

It is further agreed that the following be the officers of the Board of Managers of the Society then formed by the union of the Societies aforesaid :

President : Mrs. James Gooderham, Toronto.

Vice-Presidents : { Mrs. Levi Massey, Walbridge.  
" J. A. Williams, St. Catharines.  
" Dawson Kerr, Toronto.  
" W. E. Ross, Montreal.  
" Geo. H. Starr, Halifax.  
" A. Campbell, Belleville.

Recording Secretary : Mrs. Addie Chisholm, Ottawa.

Corresponding Secretary : Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton.

Treasurer : Mrs. J. W. Rosebrugh, Hamilton.

And that by virtue of their offices in the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the late Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, Mrs. J. R. Jaques, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. A. Carman, Corresponding Secretary ; Miss E. A. Gould, Treasurer ; Mrs. J. W. Scatcherd, Niagara Conference Secretary ; Mrs. A. C. Maybee, Ontario Conference Secretary ; Mrs. Wm. Blain, Bay Quinte Conference Secretary, and Mrs. W. Cummings, 2nd Vice-President, be full and credited members of the said Board of Managers.

Resolved, that the rights and privileges of the members and life members of the two aforesaid Societies now united be preserved and recognized.

Resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of auxiliaries and Mission Bands in the Woman's Missionary Society of the late Methodist Church in Canada be hereby adopted.

M. CARMAN, Secretary.

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LEAFLET FUND.

Receipts.

Amount subscribed at Annual Meeting, 1884.....	\$15 00
Donation Brampton Auxiliary.....	2 00
" Mrs. Philp, Toronto.....	2 00
" Hamilton Auxiliary.....	5 50
" Lindsay ".....	30
" St. Catharines Auxiliary.....	2 00
" per Mrs. Briggs.....	50
Received for Mrs. Pickett's Mite Box, per Mrs. Burns.....	37
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Disbursements.

Bingham & Webber, paid for Printing 18,000 Leaflets.....	\$25 00
Paid for 5 doz. Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Boxes.....	1 00
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Postage.....	70
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This amount \$4,991.50, on hand Oct. 1, 1884, was appropriated by the Meeting at that time and was expended accordingly during the year succeeding. In addition to this, owing to the election of the new school building in 1884 and sundry expenses at home, which appear in the above statement, \$1,272.00 was also paid out, which being taken from this year's income (\$7,452.00) left \$2,879.00 to be appropriated at the Annual Meeting last held, Nov., 1885.

## TREASURER'S

### RECEIPTS.

1884.	Oct. 23.—To Balance on hand.....	\$4,991 56*
	Receipts of Western Branch, from following Auxiliaries:	
	Brantford.....	\$ 152 00
	Otterville.....	12 00
	Listowell.....	15 25
	Hamilton.....	662 12
	Burlington.....	104 00
	Thorold.....	30 50
	Jarvis.....	54 00
	Fullarton.....	7 00
	Holmesville.....	11 53
	Oakville.....	19 75
	Simcoe.....	50 00
	Fingal.....	11 00
	Harriston.....	6 75
	London.....	305 00
	Clinton.....	87 00
	St. Thomas.....	122 00
	Mitchell.....	86 00
	Paris.....	38 75
	Goderich.....	35 73
	Ingersoll.....	73 50
	Dundas.....	71 91
	Strathroy.....	38 50
	Chatham.....	83 27
	St. Catharines.....	202 00
	St. George.....	24 00
	Maple Grove Mission Band.....	2 00
	Mrs. D.L. Brethour, life membership, Milton.....	25 00
	Alma College.....	50 00
	Interest on deposits.....	3 92
	Collections at annual meeting, London.....	39 44
		\$2,423 92
	Less expenses.....	54 23
		\$2,369 69
	Carried forward.....	\$7,361 25

\*This amount \$4,991.56, on hand Oct., 1884, was appropriated by the Annual Meeting at that time and was expended accordingly during the year succeeding.

In addition to this, owing to the erection of the new school building in Japan and sundry expenses at home, which appear in the above statement, \$1,572.98 were also paid out, which being taken from this year's income (\$7,452.92) left only \$5,879.94 to be appropriated at the Annual Meeting just held, Nov., 1885.

REPORT.

EXPENDITURE.

1884.

Oct. 23.—By Japan, per Rev. A. Sutherland :

Miss Cartmell's salary.....	\$ 600 00	
Miss Spencer's salary, six months.....	300 00	
Traveling expenses to Japan.....	372 93	
Miss Spencer, furniture.....	100 00	
Registration at Consulate.....	15 00	
Teachers and servants.....	467 50	
Jinrikisha.....	50 00	
Moving and opening School.....	10 33	
Unfinished work.....	15 80	
Repairs after typhoon.....	84 65	
Building stone wall, excavations and road on property.....	353 72	
Books, &c., for School.....	78 35	
Furnishings for School.....	140 22	
Provisions, fuel and lights for School.....	140 63	
Taxes.....	6 57	
Printing and advertising.....	17 11	
Towards addition to building.....	1,483 98	
Hymn books and music for school.....	7 00	
Sundries.....	66 64	
		<u>\$4,310 43</u>
Crosby Girls' School :		
Salary of matron.....	\$400 00	
Support of eight girls.....	400 00	
		800 00
McDougall Orphanage :		
Support of four girls.....		\$200 00
French work, Montreal.....	\$863 35	
“ “ Ottawa.....	86 95	
		950 30
Mite boxes.....		22 00
Printing 2,000 reports.....		86 68
“ programmes.....		2 00
“ 300 report cards.....		3 65
Printed letters for monthly meetings.....		19 23
Postage, &c., Cor. Sec.....		11 20
Expenses of delegates to annual meeting.....		150 05
Bank charges.....		9 00

Carried forward ..... \$6,564 54

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\$2,369 69

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## RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Amount brought forward . . . . .		\$7,361 25
Receipts of Central Branch :		
Toronto Eastern Auxiliary . . . . .	\$236 62	
Sherbourne St. Church Mission Band . . . . .	250 00	
		\$486 62
Metropolitan Church Auxiliary . . . . .	204 41	
“ Mission Band . . . . .	173 00	
		379 41
Toronto Western Auxiliary . . . . .	120 20	
“ “ Mission Band . . . . .	120 37	
		240 57
Elm St. Church Auxiliary . . . . .	\$ 48 16	
“ “ Mission Band . . . . .	50 87	
		99 03
Carlton St. Church Auxiliary . . . . .	136 78	
Central Church “ . . . . .	66 12	
		\$1,408 53
Uxbridge “ . . . . .	\$145 23	
Brampton “ . . . . .	116 25	
Belleville “ . . . . .	81 86	
Barrie “ . . . . .	64 00	
Newcastle, Orono and Kirby Auxiliary . . . . .	73 00	
Picton Auxiliary . . . . .	50 00	
Napanee Auxiliary . . . . .	54 50	
Streetsville “ . . . . .	52 83	
Bowmanville “ . . . . .	37 55	
Lakefield “ . . . . .	36 50	
Oshawa “ . . . . .	30 00	
Lindsay “ . . . . .	29 06	
New Market “ . . . . .	14 55	
Port Hope “ . . . . .	11 30	
		796 63
A friend, donation . . . . .	\$ 5 00	
Rev. J. G. Scott, donation . . . . .	5 00	
Mrs. Conron, Allandale, donation . . . . .	1 00	
Mrs. G. Washington, Mono Road, life membership . . . . .	25 00	
Collection at Conference Meeting . . . . .	114 00	
Collection at Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	8 40	
Sale of Reports . . . . .	5 40	
		163 80
		\$2,368 96
Special donations for Japan . . . . .		354 00
		\$2,722 96
Less expenses . . . . .		59 11
		\$2,663 85
Eastern Branch :		
Ottawa Auxiliary . . . . .	\$ 86 95	
Brockville “ . . . . .	74 60	
Farmersville “ . . . . .	10 00	
Pembroke “ . . . . .	14 00	
Quebec Mission Band . . . . .	50 00	
Carried forward . . . . .	\$235 55	\$10,025 10



## MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

Amounts brought forward.....	\$235 55	\$10,025 10
Sale of Reports.....	6 41	
Kingston.....	108 56	
Montreal.....	463 35	
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	\$813 87	
Less expenses.....	4 72	\$809 15
Nova Scotia Branch :		
Halifax North.....	\$272 36	
“ South.....	385 51	
Guysboro.....	25 40	
Windsor, 1883-1884.....	57 00	
“ 1884-1885.....	44 00	
Middle Musquodoboit.....	3 00	
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	\$787 27	
Less expenses.....	5 30	781 97
New Brunswick and P. E. Island :		
Charlottetown.....	\$ 60 76	
Sackville.....	21 48	
Bedique.....	24 35	
Cornwall.....	12 00	
St. Stephen's Auxiliary.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	218 59
Newfoundland :		
St. Johns East.....		167 90
“ West.....		76 25
Collection at Annual Meeting.....		8 85
Appropriation, Mission Rooms for Japan...		250 00
Collection Grimsby Park.....	52 85	
Less paid speakers and delegates...	33 00	
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		86 82
Interest on deposits.....		
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		<u>\$12,444 48</u>

1881-1882.  
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1884-1885.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Amount brought forward ..... \$6,564 54  
 Balance being cash deposited in Hamilton  
 Provident & Loan Society Bank..... 5,879 94

LIFE MEMBERS

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M. E. ROSEBRUGH.

AMOUNT RAISED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

1881-1882.....	\$ 2,916 78
1882-1883.....	4,281 19
1883-1884.....	6,421 15
1884-1885.....	7,452 92
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LIFE MEMBERS.

PAYMENT OF \$25 CONSTITUTES A LIFE MEMBER.

1881-1882.

*Whose names do not appear in connection with any Auxiliary.*

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| " Annie E. Macdonald. .... "      | " Eliza Brown..... Cooksville.        |
| " Marion M. Macdonald.... "       | " Susie A. McKay... Lefroy.           |
| " Lucy E. Macdonald..... "        | " E. Crosby.... Port Simpson, B. C.   |
| " Winnifred L. Macdonald, .. "    |                                       |

*Names which should have appeared 1883-1884.*

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Mrs. B. C. Fairfield,.... St. Catharines. | Miss D. A. Holmes,..... Clinton.    |
| " J. Gilleland,..... "                    | " M. B. Searle,..... "              |
| " A. S. Fisher,..... Clinton.             | " S. A. Anderson, .. Halifax South. |

1884-1885.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mrs. Cann,..... Hamilton.             | Mrs. McCullough..... St. Catharines. |
| " W. E. Sanford,..... "               | Miss Bigger..... "                   |
| Miss Meta Gladys Watkins.. "          | " Bowman..... London.                |
| " Mary H. Sutherland.... "            | Mrs. Wm. Taylor..... Clinton.        |
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| " J. C. Antliffe..... Brantford.      | " Dredge..... "                      |
| " H. Biggar..... "                    | " N. S. Finch..... "                 |
| " Steele..... "                       | " J. Davison..... "                  |
| " Thos. Hall..... "                   | " Shore..... "                       |
| " Judge Jones..... "                  | " H. H. Fudger..... "                |
| " Messmore..... "                     | " M. Broad..... Newcastle.           |
| " Young..... "                        | " Wm. Webb..... Streetsville.        |
| Miss Morgan..... St. Thomas.          | " Wensley B. MacCoy Halifax South    |
| Mrs. Eliza Cowan Buchan.. Burlington. | " Duffield..... "                    |
| " John Histon,..... "                 | " Emma E. Hart. .... "               |
| " Annie J. Gardiner.. St. Catharines. | Miss Agnes Knight .. .. "            |

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| " Wm. Service..... "              | " S. Vermilyea..... Belleville.    |
| " John Mavety..... Kingston.      | " A. Carman..... "                 |
| " Jas. Aylesworth..... Townworth. | " John Day..... Kingston.          |
| " R. Awery..... Mallorytown.      | Miss Nellie Service..... "         |
| " B. Brown..... Lyn.              | " Carrie Blair..... "              |

\*Has since died.

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W. A. I  
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\*Mrs. Wi  
\* " F. V.  
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\*Mary H.  
Mrs. Lang  
" Faw  
Miss Skin  
Mrs. Van  
" G. S  
" Pratt  
Miss R. H  
" Skinn  
Mrs. Fawk  
" W. A  
" Lister  
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| * " H. Clarke.          | " Brethour,         | " S. H. Snider,    |
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| * " F. W. Watkins, Jr.  | " Bale,             | " A. E. Carpenter, |
| * " J. W. Rosebrugh.    | " Hunter,           | " Jas. Lewis,      |
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| * " Jos. Lister.        | " Stoney,           | " R. Henry,        |
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| " Pratt,                |                     |                    |

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" Skinner.....	2 00	Mr. J. W. Sutherland.....	20 00
Mrs. Fawkes.....	2 00	Miss Cartmell.....	5 00
" W. A. Robinson.....	2 00	" Amiss.....	5 00
" Lister.....	21 00	Mrs. James Lewis.....	5 00
Miss Magill.....	4 00	A Bible class in Centenary Ch.S.S.	20 00

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The payment of one dollar annually, either at one time or in instalments, shall constitute membership, and \$25 given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a Board of Managers, co-ordinate branches, and auxiliary societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ART. V.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION I.—The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each branch, and delegates from each branch in the proportion of one to every hundred members, which delegates, together with two alternates, shall be elected at the branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the Board of Managers. Said Board shall meet annually or oftener, at such time and place as it shall annually determine.

The President of each branch is by virtue of her office a Vice-President of the Board of Managers.

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

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

SECTION 4.—The duties of the Board of Managers shall be : (1) to take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of the branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields, to ascertain the financial condition of the Society, to appropriate its funds, to devise the means for carrying forward the work to be undertaken by each ; suggesting the amounts to be raised, employing suitable missionaries as the work may require, designating their fields of labor, and examining the reports of those employed. (2) To appoint a committee to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of this Society. (3) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and the directions of the Board shall be in harmony with the provisions of the constitution.

#### ART. VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1.—Branches may be organized according to Conferences. This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Managers present at any annual meeting of the same.

SECTION 2.—The officers of each branch Society shall consist of a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and an Auditor. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an executive committee for the administration of the affairs of the branch, *five* of whom shall be a quorum. The President of each auxiliary is by virtue of office a Vice-President of the branch in which she resides.

SECTION 3.—The President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the branch, and of its executive committee. She shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the branch, and of its Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct any official correspondence with the other branches, with its auxiliaries, hereinafter mentioned, and with the Secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall endeavor by all practical

means, to form auxiliary societies within the prescribed territory of the branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the Board of Managers a report of the work of the branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall forward the money quarterly to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 4.—The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President and Secretary as often as may be necessary, to transact any business that may arise between the annual sessions of the Board.

SECTION 5.—No branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries except by the direction or with the approval of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 6.—Each branch may make its own by-laws, regulating its own meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this constitution.

#### ART. VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women contributing at least one dollar each, annually, may form a Society auxiliary to that branch of the Woman's Missionary Society within whose prescribed limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ART. VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECTION 1.—This Society shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries or other agents, the designation of fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of the work.

SECTION 2.—All missionaries or other agents supported or aided by this Society shall be approved, before appointment, by the constituted authorities of the Methodist Church, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other missionaries or agents of the said Church.

#### ART. IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of each branch delegation, notice of such amendment having been given to each branch before its annual meeting, but Art. VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

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#### ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE \_\_\_\_\_ AUXILIARY TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA."

#### ART. II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to aid the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada in its work of engaging the efforts of Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women and children ; to assist in sustaining female Missionaries and Teachers, or other special laborers in foreign or home fields ; and to raise funds for the work of this Society.

#### ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person paying annually the sum of \$1.00, at one time or in instalments, to the funds of this Society shall be deemed a member, and as such shall be entitled to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Society, and vote at the election of Officers and Board of Management. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a Life Membership.

#### ART. IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected from among the members at the Annual Meeting.

#### ART. V.—COMMITTEE.

A Committee of \_\_\_\_\_ ladies shall be appointed annually, who, with the officers, shall conduct the affairs of the Auxiliary during the year.

#### ART. VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of September, at which the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, an

abstract of which is to be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of that branch of the W. M. S. to which the Auxiliary belongs ; Officers and Committee elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as may tend to promote the objects of the Society.

#### ART. VII.—FUNDS.

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

#### ART. VIII.—APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

After meeting necessary local expenses the funds raised by the Auxiliary shall be transmitted quarterly to the Branch Treasurer, to be applied to the support of such part of the work as the Central Board of Management may indicate.

NOTE.—Any Auxiliary having a preference for any special department of the work is at liberty to designate it.

#### BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests. She shall call special meetings upon the request of three members, and shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all Standing Committees. She shall sign all drafts upon the Treasury before they are paid.
2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.
3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Society or Committee, and give proper notice of all special and stated meetings.
4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch the number of members, the amount sent to the Branch Treasurer for the quarter and any other items indicating the state of the Society. She shall, in connection with the Recording Secretary, prepare the Annual Report.
5. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and keep an account of all money given to the Auxiliary, and shall transmit the same quarterly to the Branch Treasurer.
6. Meetings of the Society for prayer and business shall be held \_\_\_\_\_ of each month. Once a quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given and every effort made to increase general Missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

7. There shall be a Standing Committee of three or more to provide literary exercises of a Missionary character for monthly and quarterly meetings.

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

9. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interests, remembering in prayer daily the Society, its workers, missionaries, orphans or other special interests.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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

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### MISSION BANDS.

1. An Association of young ladies, banded together to aid the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, shall be called a Mission Band auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the church in which it is found, or to the branch in whose territory it is.

2. Any one may become a member of the Mission Band by the annual payment of twenty-five cents.

3. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

4. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all stated meetings, and to have a general oversight of the work of the Band.

5. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and make an annual report to the Missionary Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the branch in whose bounds it is.

6. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the auxiliary or the branch in which the Band is formed.

7. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

