

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CANADA,

FOR THE YEAR

1885-1886.

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TREASURER:

MRS. DR. ROSEBRUGH,
52 James Street South, HAMILTON.

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Hamilton; Mrs. Gooderham

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Thompson, Toronto
Mrs. Eaton, Toronto

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Detlor, Clinton
Mrs. Messmore
London; Mrs. Gooderham
Mrs. McMechan, Toronto

EASTERN
Williams, Pelee
ville; Mrs. Gooderham

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH,

Held in the Centenary Church, Hamilton, October 19th, 20th,
and 21st, 1886.

The Session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Gooderham, President of the Society; Mrs. S. J. Hunter, leading in prayer.

The roll call showed the following officers and delegates were present: Mrs. Gooderham, *Pres.*, Toronto; Mrs. Carman, *Vice Pres.*, Belleville; Mrs. Chisholm, *Rec.-Sec.*, Ottawa; Mrs. Strachan, *Cor.-Sec.*, Hamilton; Mrs. Rosebrugh, *Treas.*, Hamilton.

CENTRAL BRANCH—Mrs. D. Kerr, *Pres.*, Toronto; Mrs. W. Briggs, *Cor.-Sec.*, Toronto; Mrs. Brown, Streetsville; Mrs. Demill, Oshawa; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Mrs. Crosby, Uxbridge; Mrs. Sherin, Lakefield; Mrs. Locke, Brampton; Mrs. Gundy, Toronto; Mrs. Finch, Toronto; Mrs. Willmott, Toronto; Mrs. Longley, Toronto; Mrs. T. Thompson, Toronto; Miss Wilkes, Toronto; Mrs. Blackstock, Barrie; Mrs. Eaton, Toronto.

WESTERN BRANCH—Mrs. S. J. Hunter, *Pres.*, Hamilton; Mrs. Burns, *Cor.-Sec.*, St. Thomas; Mrs. J. A. Williams, Toronto; Mrs. Detlor, Clinton; Mrs. Cunningham, Stratford; Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell; Mrs. Messmore, Brantford; Mrs. H. Brethour, Brantford; Mrs. Fowler, London; Miss Bigger, St. Catharines; Mrs. Maxwell, St. Catharines; Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Baird, St. Thomas.

EASTERN BRANCH—Mrs. W. E. Ross, *Pres.*, Montreal; Mrs. T. G. Williams, Pembroke; Mrs. Walker, Ottawa; Miss Shipman, Brockville; Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Mrs. J. Cowan, Montreal.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—Mrs. MacCoy, Halifax.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH—Mrs. Shenton.

The minutes of Executive Meetings held since last annual meeting were read and approved, after which the report of the Corresponding Secretary was read, and on motion, adopted.

The Treasurer then presented her report, showing the receipts of the past year to be \$11,639.85, an increase of \$4,186.93 over the previous year; \$5,879.94 were on hand at beginning of year; amount expended, \$11,105.21; balance on hand, \$6,414.64. On motion this report was adopted.

The President then gave her annual address. Moved by Mrs. Carman, seconded by Mrs. Fowler,—That the address be adopted, and that the thanks of the ladies be expressed by a rising vote.—Carried.

Greetings from sister societies were then presented. Mrs. Dr. Stewart bringing greetings from the Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Society; and Mrs. Mallock, representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (Western Section). Greetings were also received from St. Peter's Church Woman's Missionary Society, Toronto, through Miss Paul. A letter was also read from the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Domestic and Foreign Missions (Episcopalian), expressing the cordial sympathy and interest of their President and Secretary in the work of this Society.

Questions were presented at this stage of the proceedings, and interesting discussion had on several points connected with the work; at the conclusion of this conversation, it was moved and seconded that,—Whereas great dissatisfaction is felt by the members of this Society at the lack of information existing concerning the work in some of the Missions assisted by our funds, be it resolved that each institution under the care of this Society be requested to furnish quarterly reports.—Carried.

The convention then adjourned, Rev. Dr. Hunter pronouncing the benediction.

At the evening meeting, Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter presided.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. J. Hunter, and responded to by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal. Suitable hymns were sung, and a very instructive address followed by Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D.

A solo was rendered by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, after which Mrs. L. Youmans gave an earnest and practical address.

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced.

MORNING SESSION—WEDNESDAY. OCT. 20TH.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. MacCoy, of Halifax, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

It was then moved by Mrs. Carman, seconded by Mrs. Strachan,—

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That the Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries of the Branches, together with the mover and seconder, be a committee on memorials.

The Recording Secretary asked permission to leave the convention at close of the morning session, to attend a very important meeting of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, beginning on Friday, 22nd October, at Minneapolis, Min., and to which the Recording Secretary had been appointed a delegate.

Permission was granted.

Mrs. Finch then moved, seconded by Mrs. Gundy,—That the greetings of this Society be sent to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Recording Secretary was requested to convey such greetings.—Carried.

The report of the Central Branch was given by Mrs. Briggs, of Toronto; and that of the Eastern Branch by Mrs. T. G. Williams, of Pembroke. Mrs. Burns, of St. Thomas, read the report of the Western Branch; and Mrs. MacCoy, of Halifax, that of the Nova Scotia Branch. Reports from N. B. and P. E. I. Branch, from St. Johns East, Newfoundland, and Winnipeg, were read by the Corresponding Secretary. On motion, all these reports were adopted.

Memorials were presented by Mrs. Burns, Western Branch, by the Corresponding Secretary and others, and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Dr. Sutherland in reference to the *Outlook*, asking that a lady be appointed to edit that part of the paper devoted to "Woman's Work," and giving some hints for the guidance of the person who may be appointed.

Mrs. Messmore, of Brantford, then read a paper on "The Times and our Opportunities." The ladies expressed their thanks and appreciation of this valuable paper by a rising vote.

The last hour was spent in testimony, the meeting being led by Mrs. Dr. Carman.

The meeting was closed by singing the doxology, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Afternoon Session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Cunningham, of Stratford, after which the minutes of the Morning Session were read and accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Miss Knight, matron in the Crosby Home, giving an account of the work in the Home. A tabulated statement from Mrs. Crosby was also read, and it was resolved that these be printed in the annual report.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Crosby, also one from Mr. McDougall, giving a report of the Orphanage, mode of conducting work, etc.

Miss Laurence then addressed the meeting, reviewing her work

among the Indians in British Columbia, and pointing out the desirability of establishing a girls' school at Nanaimo.

Mrs. Ross presented a report of the work among the French. The school had been removed from Montreal to Actonvale. She also read extracts from a letter from the pastor of the church in Sherbrooke, urging that our Society make a grant for the support of a Bible-woman in that place.

The Corresponding Secretary followed with reports of the Japan work. The financial statement showed the total amount received from all sources to be \$11,354.19 (Mex.), of which \$1,979.42 was from native sources. There was in addition a full and detailed account of the school, and of the evangelistic work. From estimates furnished by Dr. MacDonald, it would appear that the cost of the new building and alterations would be \$5,485.21½ (Mex.).

The collection was taken up at this stage of the meeting and amounted to \$10.00.

Extracts from a letter from Miss Cartmell regarding Bible-women were read. On motion these reports were accepted.

The Committee on Memorials then reported:—

Item 1.—That with regard to Mrs. Rosebrugh's notice of motion as to the latter part of Sect. 3, Art. VI., the committee recommend that this article remain unchanged.—Carried.

Item 2.—The Western Branch recommends to the Board of Managers that the resolution passed at the last meeting, November, 1885, page 10, annual report, in regard to Mission Bands, be amended by the addition of "but not eligible to any office in the Branch or election to the Board of Managers excepting they be members of an auxiliary." On the Committee's recommendation this item was adopted.

Item 3.—Resolved, that this Branch (the Western) requests that Article VIII. of Constitution of Auxiliaries, be amended by inserting "not later than the 20th," between "quarterly" and "to the Branch Treasurer." Also, By-law No. 5, for Auxiliaries, shall be amended by inserting "Not later than the 20th of the month," between "quarterly" and "to the Branch Treasurer."

The Committee recommends that Article VIII. of Constitution remain unchanged, and that By-law No. 5 of Auxiliaries be amended as requested in memorial. After discussion it was decided to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Item 4.—The Committee on Memorials recommend that the last clause of Sect. 2, Art. VI. on Branches, be expunged.—Carried.

Item 5.—"Whereas in the opinion of this Branch (Western) the powers of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers under Sections 3 and 4, Article V. of the Constitution, are not, as to its dealings with the funds of the Society defined sufficiently, therefore it is resolved, that the Branch recommends that the Board of Managers take the necessary steps to secure such changes or alterations

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in the Constitution as shall provide particular directions for the guidance of the Executive Committee in its appropriations of said funds, fixing the sum it shall be in its power either to expend or to pledge."

The recommendation of the Committee that the memorial be not entertained, was, after some consideration, sustained.

Item 6.—"Whereas the printed letters are an additional expense, and are frequently received long after date, we recommend that they be discontinued, and that the *Outlook* be used altogether as our medium for circulating our missionary intelligence, as the *Outlook* goes into many homes and circuits never reached by the letters."

This item, on the Committee's suggestion, was rejected.

Item 7.—Memorial from the Eastern Branch, asking that the leaflet on "our work" be revised at once, and printed by the thousands, so that each auxiliary may have as many as they desire for distribution. In this was to be included, according to the suggestion of the Nova Scotia Branch, a brief statement of the work of the Society from its inception, its aim and object, also the names of the missionaries supported."

Carried as recommended by Committee.

Invitations for next annual meeting were received from Metropolitan Church, Toronto, from London, from the united auxiliaries of Belleville, and from Ottawa.

It was decided that the invitation from Belleville be accepted with thanks.

The Session was closed with the doxology and benediction.

MORNING SESSION—THURSDAY, OCT. 21ST.

The Board met at 9 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Longley. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The question was asked, "Why cannot we help the McLean Mission?" Ans. "We have not funds to do so."

Some conversation ensued on the subject of individuals and churches sending supplies to missions not under our care. The President stated that auxiliaries are not at liberty to spend one dollar of their Society's funds in this way.

The Committee on Memorials reported:—

1st. That in Art. I. of Constitution for Mission Bands, the words "young ladies" be changed to "young people."—Carried.

2nd. The next memorial from the Western Branch was as follows: "We recommend that one person be appointed to edit our department of the *Outlook*, whose duty it shall be to select and publish items of interest from the Woman's Missionary Societies of other lands, their work and their modes of work, thereby keeping our W. M. S. posted on all that is being done by all other similar societies as well as our own. We believe such a paper will advance our interests and do far

more to educate our women in missionary work than anything else." The Committee approve of this proposition and recommend that Mrs. Dr. Parker, of St. Thomas, be appointed to this position.—Carried.

3rd. We observe in the Annual Report published by the W. M. S., that the financial exhibit of our Japan work furnishes no statement of the fees received from the pupils, the number of pupils, etc. Therefore this Auxiliary memorializes the General Board to direct that the fullest information of all funds received in Japan from all sources, be published in the Annual Report." Action had already been taken.

4th. The following resolution had been forwarded to the Board from the Port Simpson District Meeting at its annual session last April: Moved by Bro. Jennings, seconded by Bro. Hopkins, and carried unanimously,—“That, whereas, Bro. Green has for many years taken into his home a number of orphans and other destitute Indian boys, and chiefly at his own expense has fed and clothed them; and whereas, from a Christian standpoint, it would be highly reprehensible to neglect such children and to allow them to grow up in vice, ignorance and destitution; therefore, be it resolved that we recommend the Naas River Boys' Orphanage to the benevolent consideration of the Woman's Missionary Society of our Church, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.S.”

The Committee recommended, “That while the Society sympathizes very sincerely with the work undertaken by Rev. Mr. Green as presented in the memorial, the constitution of this Society will not permit anything to be done (or rather new work undertaken), without consulting the authorities of the General Board of the Church, and the demands on us for help for girls are so great, that no assistance can be rendered this year.” The resolution of Committee was approved by the Board.

Letters were read from Miss Spencer and Kawase San, a native convert.

A paper on “proportionate and systematic giving,” was read by Mrs Willmott. After a vote of thanks being passed to the writer, on motion she was requested to allow it to be published.

The next business was the appropriations.

On motion \$800, the same amount as last year, was appropriated to the Crosby Girls' Home.

Mrs. Hunter asked if special donations really went to the object specified.

The Corresponding Secretary replied that as far as she knew this had always been done.

In answer to a question it was stated that the McDougall Orphanage and the Crosby Home were not our special work, that is, were not wholly dependent on the Society, having been founded before it was organized. Japan was our own daughter and entirely dependent on our support.

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For salaries of our missionaries and teachers in Japan - - - -	\$2,700
For furniture for Miss Wintemute - - - - -	100
For evangelistic work under Miss Cartmell - - - - -	400
For support of six students - - - - -	300
For premium on insurance of buildings - - - - -	200

On motion it was decided not to specify any sum for jinrikisha hire, but to have the bill of expenses sent in at the close of the year.

Moved by Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Longley, that the running expenses of the school in Japan be left with the Executive Committee should they exceed the current native income.—Carried.

Adjournment followed the doxology and benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises and the confirming of the Minutes the report of the Committee on Memorials was received. First, a memorial from the Central Branch,—“That whereas the constitution of the W. M. S. accords to auxiliaries the privilege of indicating to the Board of Managers the disposition which they desire to have made of the funds contributed by them, and whereas in numerous instances the false impression has thereby been created that the auxiliaries are working directly and exclusively for the particular object named by them, this branch do petition the Board of Managers so to amend the constitution of the Society as to obviate such misapprehension for the future.”

The Committee recommended that the constitution remain as it is. Carried.

2nd. The Reapers' Mission Band of Halifax recommend,—“That a uniform sum be fixed, on payment of which any member may become a life member, and further, that such sum be \$5, and that any life member of a mission band in connection with the Society shall be eligible to become a life member of the General Society on payment of the sum of \$20, instead of the usual sum of \$25.”

The Committee recommended that it be not entertained.—Carried.

3rd. From Western Branch—“That in order to secure a uniform system of making financial returns, that the treasurers of all auxiliaries be supplied with treasurers' books, suitably scheduled and having duplicate pages or columns which can easily be detached and forwarded quarterly to the branch treasurer.”

Committee recommended—“That it be accepted and that Mrs. Detlor and Mrs. Burns be a committee to prepare something to meet the necessity, and report to the next meeting of the Board of Managers.” Carried.

Moved and adopted—“That if Miss Laurence can provide the building for her Home, and if the Parent Society are willing, the Executive Committee be instructed to appropriate at any time during

the year the sum required to begin the Girls' Home at Nanaimo." Carried.

The following appropriations were then made :

To the French work	\$1,200
To the McDougall Orphanage.....	700

On motion it was resolved that the debt on the building in Japan be paid out of the first quarter's income.

It was also resolved that as appropriations already made exceed amount on hand, that the balance be taken out of the coming year's income.

It was moved—"That the sewing machine sent by the Elm Street Mission Band to the Orphanage be credited to the Band and charged to the Orphanage, and so go from the General Society."

Resolved in amendment and carried—"That it be not allowed."

Moved—"That at the annual meeting of each auxiliary in September, delegates to the branch annual meeting shall be elected in the proportion of one for every auxiliary numbering twenty-five or under, and two for every auxiliary numbering one hundred or more, and that this be By-law No. 10."

Moved in amendment—"That the number be two for any auxiliary numbering fifty instead of one hundred." Amendment prevailed.

On motion it was decided to provide the General Treasurer with forms of receipt.

It was resolved that in regard to the suggestion referring to teachers or missionaries desiring to leave their work, it be left to the Executive Committee.

The election of officers by ballot resulted in the reappointment of those of the previous year, viz. :

<i>President</i>	MRS. JAMES GOODERHAM, Toronto.
<i>Vice-President</i>	MRS. CARMAN, Belleville.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	MRS. CHISHOLM, Ottawa.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	MRS. STRACHAN, Hamilton.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. ROSEBRUGH, Hamilton.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Dr. MacDonald for his valuable services so cheerfully rendered to the ladies in Japan. Another to Miss Cartmell and Miss Spencer, for the very full information given in their interesting letters.

It was also moved that the cordial and hearty thanks of the delegates be presented to the ladies who have so kindly entertained them at their homes, and also to the young ladies who made such excellent and abundant provision for their comfort in the church. Thanks were also given "to Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, the pastor, trustees and organist of the Centenary Church for their kind attention."

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Hunter, were appointed a committee to prepare the annual report, 3,000 being ordered to be published, and that the reports be published just as sent by the corresponding secretaries.

Miss Wilkes then read the report of the Leaflet Committee.

Amount received from voluntary donations	\$32 79
Amount expended	26 29
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Cash on hand	\$6 50

It was decided to continue the leaflets, Miss Wilkes being requested to see to their publication and distribution.

Mrs. Briggs was appointed to attend to the column in the *Guardian*.

Mrs. Strachan was asked to attend to the publishing of the letters.

On motion, Mrs. Symington, of Napanee, was appointed a delegate from this Board to the annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Napanee next year.

It was resolved—"That the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint two delegates to the Board meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church U. S. next year, provided two ladies can be found who will bear the expense."

Moved—"That Mrs. Chandler, of Ocean Grove, be invited to attend and give an address at our next annual meeting, the time to be the third week in October, if circumstances permit." Carried.

The motto chosen for the year was—"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."—Jer. xxxiii. 3.

It was decided to continue to observe the same hour for prayer, between five and six on Sabbath evenings.

It was authorized that some remuneration be given to the caretaker, amount to be left to Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.

For next year Belleville will give the words of welcome. Nova Scotia Branch will furnish the reply, and the Western Branch a paper.

After a few parting words from the President, and prayer by Mrs. T. G. Williams, the fifth annual meeting closed.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

With glad hearts and joyous thanksgiving we review the progress and the blessings of another year. Prosperity at home and extension abroad have been beyond our expectations. "Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits."

At home we have been growing in favor and in numbers, in intelligence concerning the requirements of the work and in liberality to meet them. There has also been great improvement in the attention given to the business details of our organization, and we look for still greater exactness and promptness in these matters. They are not, perhaps, the most spiritual side of our work, but they are very important, and machinery well kept in order is certainly the most likely to produce good results.

Remembering that this is to be a report rather than an essay, facts must be gathered up and presented in concise form, leaving much that is interesting unrecorded.

Several of the Annual Conferences were visited by ladies in the interests of our Society, who were received with much courtesy and words of encouragement.

In compliance with the resolution of last annual meeting a memorial was presented to the General Conference of last September, and the result is, that we are now a part of the Church organization, not only recognized as doing a good work, but incorporated on the terms of our own constitution, our contributions to be reported through the ministers as any other church fund, and to be published in a separate column of the Annual Conference Minutes. Under this new relation, in the name of the Methodist Church we can hold property for our own purposes should any come into our possession.

We are deeply grateful for the kind leadings of our Heavenly Father and for the favor already manifested through the ministry and laity of our Church.

Reports in detail will be presented from our various mission fields.

We are rejoiced to learn that the Crosby Home and the McDougall Orphanage are both still doing good work in their different localities. There are nineteen children in the former (six having been received this summer) and twenty-one in the latter.

Marked progress is being made not only in their studies but in their conduct and appearance, and great good is confidently expected from the seeds thus sown in the hearts of these young children. Miss Knight, one of our own life members, is laboring patiently and diligently among these girls at Port Simpson, and we pray that she may be abundantly rewarded for her self-denying toil.

Our work among the French has changed its locality. A school has been opened at Actonvale, about fifty-five miles from Montreal, where it is anticipated that it will flourish and accomplish more than in the city.

In Japan the opportunities for extension have exceeded all expectation, and in place of up-hill work, it seemed almost down-hill, in that there was no arresting the progress.

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The school building which was enlarged last year, proved quite insufficient. More accommodation had to be provided or pupils turned away, and the favor already secured might lose much of its force if the expectations and desires of the people were not met.

After much thought and consultation with the missionaries on the ground, the ladies decided to go forward. An additional building has been erected, 81x45 feet, the two affording accommodation for 250 pupils, of whom 150 may be boarders. In these buildings our four lady missionaries reside. Since the annual report of Miss Spencer, which will be presented, letters have been received telling of the opening of the school this fall, of its completeness and attractiveness, and that on the second day there were over one hundred and thirty present, forty-one new students in one day, which is a record calling for much rejoicing and thanksgiving.

This school aims at being self-supporting, that is as far as the ordinary native expenses are concerned. Last year nearly \$2,000 (Mexican) were received in fees, etc., and with the increased number of students, the income will be proportionately much larger, as there need not be much increase in the teaching staff. Five of the pupils are supported by auxiliaries or individuals in Canada, and reports of their progress are very gratifying. Not only has there been material and educational advancement, but souls have been led to the "belief of the truth as it is in Jesus," which is the ultimate aim of all our efforts. Two of the native teachers and five of the pupils have become Christians, and been baptized during the year; others are desirous of thus confessing Christ, but are waiting and praying for the consent of their parents.

This report cannot omit to mention the unwearied attention to our interests of Rev. Dr. MacDonald: his wise and skilful management in the superintendence of the erection of our building, as well as his unremitting care of the health of our school. Our favorable position is largely due to him.

Miss Spencer has continued nobly to fill her position and has proved herself well adapted for its requirements. Her letters have kept us well informed and have stimulated to earnestness and liberality at home.

Miss Cochran and her sister, Miss Maud, have contributed considerably to the success of the school, especially in the musical department.

In September, Miss Wintemute, a young lady from St. Thomas, in company with other missionaries of our Church, sailed from San Francisco, and it is expected that the next mail will bring tidings of their arrival. It is believed she will be a valuable gain to our noble staff in Japan, and we trust her young life will long be spared to work for the Master. Her parting words were, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, and Thine only."

The evangelistic department must not be overlooked. Notwithstanding Miss Cartmell's enforced exclusion from much activity, owing to ill-health (which we are thankful to note is improving), the work has not ceased. Four Bible women have been employed, one in Kofu, one in Hamamatsu, and two in Tokyo. Very little has been expended yet in this way; only 146 yen charged to the Society, but the pastors have sent testimonials of the good accomplished through this agency, and it is anticipated that a much wider influence will be exerted through the homes of the people.

The motto of the year has been abundantly fulfilled, both at home and in the mission fields: "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members	Increase.	Mission Band	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Amount Remitted.	Net Increase.
Western Branch	35	8	988	178	86	21	11	8	550	401	\$3454 86	\$1085 17
Central "	31	11	1046	255	31	8	11	4	539	270	3986 99	1323 14
Eastern "	13	7	411	117	10	10	5	3	128	72	1503 26	694 11
Nova Scotia "	16	11	416	237	21	6	7	3	204	110	1548 20	766 23
N.B.&P.E.I. "	8	1	214	71	2	..	2	1	47	35	449 75	231 16
- Auxiliaries.												
St. Johns E., N'd	1	..	55	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	231 85	63 95
St. Johns W., N'd	1	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61 00	.....
Winnipeg	1	..	32	32	205 80	205 80
Totals....	106	38	3193	899	152	45	37	19	1468	888	11441 71	4369 56

E. S. STRACHAN,
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WESTERN BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY WESTERN BRANCH, ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1885-86.

The number of auxiliaries in the annual report of the Western Branch W. M. Society for the year 1884-85 was 27 and two mission bands.

In the early part of the year Listowel withdrew from the Society, owing to their ladies being engaged in assisting to raise funds for local church extension or building, which they felt the more important. In February, London auxiliary disbanded or divided and became Queen's Avenue and Dundas Street auxiliaries. Auxiliaries have been formed in St. Mary's, Stratford, Gorrie, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls South, Rockwood, Milton and Union, making an increase of 10 new auxiliaries. Total 35.

Mission bands have been formed in the following places:—Queen's Avenue, Dundas Street, London; St. Thomas, Maple Grove, Oakville, Wilsonville, Aylmer, Mitchell and Brantford. A total with those at Hamilton and St. Catharines, existing at the beginning of the year, of 11 mission bands.

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Letters and leaflets have been regularly distributed to the auxiliaries and mission bands. 552 annual reports have been ordered by the auxiliaries and sent out. At the Conferences held in Goderich, Woodstock and St. Thomas, representatives were sent urging the claims of the Society, and soliciting the sympathy and support of our ministers. Memorials were presented and in return the Society received the most cordial approval of what had been done, and the promise of assistance whenever practicable. The Western Branch has been honored by having the third lady missionary sent to Japan selected from one of its mission bands, "The Gleaners" of St. Thomas.

Total number of annual members 1886.....	988
" " " 1885.....	810
Increase.....	178
Total number of life members 1886.....	86
" " " 1885.....	65
Increase.....	21
Total number Mission Band 1886.....	550
" " " 1885.....	149
Increase.....	401
Total increase.....	600
Annual members.....	988
Life members.....	86
Mission band.....	550
Total.....	1,624
Total amount.....	\$3,454 46
Increase.....	1,073 90

S. E. BURNS, *Secretary.*

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Thorold	12	17	5	1	1	18	1	9	10	10
Fingal	6	13	7	13	1	10	6	11
Holmesville.....	13	14	1	1	1	15	1	12	10	13
Oakville	37	41	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1	12	15	13
Fullerton	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	8	6	9
Harriston	9	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	9	5	9
The Grove, London Tp.	16	19	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	3	12	13	15
Siloam	14	19	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	8	8	9
St. Mary's .....	..	23	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	11	..	11
Stratford .....	..	31	31	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	32	1	6	12	7
Gorrie .....	..	12	12	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	13	2	4	9	6
Niagara Falls .....	..	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	7	7	8
Niagara Falls South.....	..	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..
Rockwood .....	..	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	3	12	4
Milton .....	..	45	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	..
Union .....	..	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	2	1	..	3
MISSION BANDS																
Hamilton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	169	69	169	..	..	..	..
St. Catharines .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	48	..	48	..	..	..	..
London, Queen's Avenue.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	62	62	..	..	..	..
London, Dundas Street.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	32	32	..	18	..	18
St. Thomas "Gleaners" .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	21	21	..	..	..	..
Oakville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	20	20	..	..	..	..
Wilsonville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	29	29	1	5	..	6
Aylmer .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	37	37	..	2	15	2
Mitchell .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	61	61	..	..	..	..
Brantford .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	45	45	..	2	..	2
Rockwood .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	26	26	..	..	..	..
Maple Grove.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Totals.....	810	988	298	120	65	86	32	11	149	550	402	1624	33	325	353	358

No report from
Maple Grove.

WESTERN BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite-Boxes.	Sunday Schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total Raised by Auxiliary.	Total Received by Branch Treasurer.
Brantford	\$47 00	\$70 00	\$ 4 00	\$12 30	\$	\$	\$	\$2 00	\$6 50	\$23 15	\$164 95	\$164 95
Burlington	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 90	.....	1 20	7 25	.....	65 35	65 35
Clinton	46 00	.....	.....	.....	27 35	22 74	.....	1 25	45	4 05	101 84	101 84
Chatham	35 00	25 00	.....	.....	4 15	30 84	.....	1 17	1 00	57	97 73	97 01
Dundas	26 30	25 00	.....	.....	.....	38 65	11 67	50	10 00	71	112 83	112 83
Gorrie	8 50	26 75	.....	.....	.....	5 84	.....	50	.....	1 00	42 59	41 84
The Grove	17 00	.....	.....	3 37	.....	4 51	.....	35	50	.....	25 73	25 73
Goderich	23 25	25 00	.....	.....	13 80	4 00	.....	30	.....	2 35	68 70	68 72
Hamilton	96 00	225 00	219 00	.....	23 96	53 98	5 00	2 45	168 75	18 00	812 14	812 14
Holmesville	14 00	.....	.....	3 30	23 85	3 65	.....	20	.....	.....	45 00	45 00
Ingersoll	23 50	25 00	.....	.....	20 58	25 12	.....	2 50	1 30	.....	98 00	98 00
Jarvis	44 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	3 80	.....	75	.....	.....	76 55	76 55
London (Queen's Avenue)	48 00	.....	158 82	.....	2 00	16 00	.....	1 00	159 00	.....	384 82	384 82
London (Dundas Street)	25 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	18 06	.....	1 85	36 50	.....	131 41	131 41
Mitchell	50 00	25 00	40 50	5 78	18 00	.....	.....	35	21 75	.....	161 43	157 38
Oakville	41 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	22 16	.....	75	5 00	.....	79 41	79 46
Otterville	10 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	50	5 55	.....	17 30	17 30
Paris	25 40	.....	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	35	5 00	.....	35 00	35 00
St. Thomas	40 00	50 00	20 25	24 00	4 00	40	7 50	40	146 55	146 55
St. Mary's	22 75	7 25	50	10 00	40 50	40 50
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St. Catharines	45 50	25 00	70 00	27 00	52 00	1 20	3 00	5 30	229 00	228 00
St. George	14 75	10 80	27 75	1 10	1 00	30	55 70	55 60

Stratford	30 25	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	55 75	55 75
Thorold	16 00	25 00	.....	13 00	.....	31 80	.....	40	.....	.....	91 20	91 20
Niagara Falls, South	18 75	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	26 50	26 50
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	13 00	.....	.....	.....	4 70	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	19 20	19 20
Fullarton	10 25	.....	.....	.....	5 50	61	.....	20	25	75	17 56	17 56
Siloam and Zion	19 00	25 00	1 04	35	45 80	45 80

St. George.....	14 75	25 00	10 80	27 75	32 00	1 20	3 00	5 30	229 00	228 00
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Niagara Falls, Spencerian	13 00								5 00		26 50	26 50
Fullarton	10 25				4 70	1 50					19 20	19 20
Siloam and Zion	19 00				5 50	61		20	25	75	17 56	17 56
Fingal	12 95				25 00	1 04		35		50	45 89	45 89
Alma College (Mission Band)	50 00			6 35		11 10		45	5 00		35 85	35 65
Rockwood	8 00		1 62								50 00	50 00
Simcoe	20 00					6 82					16 44	10 00
Aylmer (Mission Band)			9 00			15 12		15	1 00	17 66	53 93	53 93
Harriston	4 00										9 00	9 00
Milton	19 50										4 00	4 00
Mrs. Phelps' Bible Class, Mount Pleasant											19 50	19 50
										25 00	25 00	25 00
Total.....	985 40	596 75	558 19	57 65	279 89	405 49	16 72	24 47	475 05	99 74	3494 35	3481 06

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

WESTERN BRANCH

WAS HELD IN ST. PAUL STREET CHURCH, ST. CATHARINES,
OCT. 5TH AND 6TH.

The President, Mrs. Dr. Williams, in the chair.

Reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were most encouraging. Some by-laws were passed and ordered to be printed in sheet form, for the use of Auxiliaries. It was recommended that Children's Bands be formed wherever practicable, and that funds should be raised as far as possible by voluntary contribution.

A resolution of condolence to the friends of the late Mrs. McLeod, of Burlington, was passed; and also one of appreciation and regret at the retirement of Mrs. Dr. Williams from the Presidency.

Two valuable papers by Mrs. Messmore and Mrs. Jas. Graham gave additional interest to the Sessions.

The invitation from Mitchell for the next annual meeting was accepted.

An evening public meeting was held, after a very pleasant social entertainment by the ladies of St. Catharines Auxiliary, at which a touching and stirring address was given by Rev. Jno. MacDougall. •

The following officers were elected by ballot :—

<i>President</i>	MRS. S. J. HUNTER, Hamilton.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	{ MRS. MESSMORE, Brantford.
	{ MRS. DR. WILLIAMS, Toronto.
	{ MRS. DR. FOWLER, London.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	MRS. J. H. McMECHAN, London.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	MRS. BURNS, St. Thomas.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. J. C. DETLOR, Clinton.

HAMILTON,

in presenting the sixth annual report, is thankful to record progress. Membership and interest increasing. Meetings held regularly, excepting during the summer months. "It is with feelings of deep sorrow and regret we have had to record during the year the death of one of our number, Mrs. John H. Moore, who manifested such a great interest in the work, being always present at the meetings when able, and taking an active part in the prayer meetings, giving to the Society a great deal of time, money, and influence." The funds have been raised by fees, two lectures, envelope entertainment and mite-boxes.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION BAND.

This Band has worked under difficulties during the year, having through death lost its efficient and most untiring Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Moore, early in the season, and, later, from the removal of its President to another city; still good work has been done, enabling the Treasurer to hand over to the auxiliary \$219. Members, 105; honorary members, 64—169.

GODERICH

has been working during the year. Sent a box of clothing to the North-West. A committee of ladies secured a favorable recognition of the Society at the Guelph Conference held at that place.

PARIS

has not had as prosperous a year as they could wish. During the year entertainments have been held in connection with the Baptist and Presbyterian Societies. These union meetings were pleasant and profitable, and the proceeds divided among the three Societies.

SIMCOE,

because of hindrances peculiar to the auxiliary, has not made the progress either in numbers or finances they could wish. Monthly meetings kept up. A mission box, filled with useful articles and warm clothing, was sent at Christmas to Miss Baker.

BRANTFORD.

Two public meetings have been held, one addressed by Mrs. Van Benschoten, the other by Dr. Eby. Income greater than last year. The *Outlook* is taken by quite a number.

ST. THOMAS.

The year has been one of progress. Interest in missionary work increasing among the women of the Church. The President is indefatigable in the good cause. The members of the auxiliary presented the Pastor's wife, Mrs. W. R. Parker, and Miss Wintemute, our last missionary to Japan, with life membership certificates. The annual public meeting was conducted solely by the ladies, and a good sum realized by contributions in envelopes.

THE ALMA COLLEGE

Missionary Society raised last year eighty-five dollars (\$85); of this amount, fifty dollars (\$50) was sent to Japan for the support of O Sumi San, an orphan girl in the Christian school at Tokio; and twenty-five dollars (\$25) to Mrs. Osborne's missionary training school at Niagara Falls; leaving a balance on hand of ten dollars (\$10). The sources from which this money was derived were: membership fees, collections at monthly meetings, and a sacred concert under the direction of Prof. Hyttenrauch. Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Carman, in an address to the Society on Oct. 31st, told a very touching story of a young girl, O Mine Kawase San, cast off by her parents on account of her adherence to the Christian religion, who is now in the school in Tokio, and expressed a wish that the Society could support her also.

As one of the graduates of Alma College, Miss S. A. Wintemute, is now a teacher in the school in Tokio, the Society feels specially interested in it, and willingly undertook to support O Mine Kawase San. Besides this foreign work, the young ladies accompany the Principal and other city clergymen to the jail on Sabbath afternoon to assist in the services, and the Society hopes to be able to procure a library for the use of prisoners.

CHATHAM

is glad to send a favorable report. The *Outlook* is taken by many of the members. Mite-boxes increase the funds. The half-hour prayer-meeting continues before the business.

STRATHROY

reports a decrease in membership and amount raised. The monthly missionary prayer-meetings have been held in conjunction with the regular Thursday night meeting. Fourteen copies of *Outlook* taken.

BURLINGTON

resolves that we will not desist until every lady member of our churches becomes a member of our Missionary Society. The death of Mrs. M'Leod during the summer has removed our first life member, and for nearly three years our Corresponding Secretary.

ST. CATHARINES.

We cannot report a large increase in membership nor finances over last year, but our ten regular monthly meetings were well attended and interesting. The foreign missionary intelligence has been to us very profitable and inspiring. We have already entered upon the work of another year with increased vigor and encouragement, praying that each member of our auxiliary may have the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

OTTERVILLE.

The year just closing has not been as prosperous as we would wish, yet we trust our regular monthly meetings have not been in vain. 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. A letter of special interest was received from our respected President, Mrs. J. A. Williams. These letters afford us much general information, and fill our hearts with longing for others to do what they can to promote the success of our missionaries. We pray that God may strengthen our hearts and give us grace to be faithful.

QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON.

This auxiliary was formed in Feb., 1886. Since its organization much interest has been manifested in its work. Two Bible-women in Japan are supported by ladies in connection with this Auxiliary, Mrs. Eccles and Mrs. Ware's Bible class. Special donation to French work by Mrs. Abbott, \$4. Mite-boxes used.

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DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

Auxiliary organized 25th January, 1886. Membership increasing. No entertainments have been given, all the income being derived from "straight giving."

JARVIS.

Income in advance of last year. Monthly meetings are held at Jarvis and Cheapside, and interest increasing.

CLINTON.

Our society is healthy and the interest increasing. Several have removed, but the membership has increased. Regular meetings are held. Mite-boxes used.

INGERSOL.

Membership unchanged. Financially, have made progress; 33 mite-boxes in use. Under the wise and Christian guidance of the President, hope to prosper.

MITCHELL.

The most successful year since organization. A pleasing feature in the monthly meetings has been the reading of an original paper on some mission field, thus developing talent and adding to the pleasure and profit of those attending. The funds have been augmented by donations. Dr. Meacham and Mrs. Osborne have addressed the auxiliary. The President has been made a life member.

ST. GEORGE

is an active auxiliary. A sermon and address by Mrs. Osborne and a letter from Mrs. Dr. Williams stimulated the workers. Much regret was expressed at the removal of Mrs. G. A. Chrysler, the Corresponding Secretary.

DUNDAS

has advanced in numbers, interest and finances. Seven mite-boxes contained \$38.61. The most interesting meeting was one devoted to the consideration of the French work. One box of clothing and \$12 have been collected for the McDougall Orphanage.

THOROLD.

Prosperous auxiliary. Meetings held regularly—*Outlook* taken. \$31.45 raised by mite-boxes. One donation of \$5; one life member.

FINGAL.

Thankful for a prosperous year. At the May District Meeting a public meeting was held in the interests of the Society. Mrs. Dr. Williams' letter was very helpful and encouraging,—“A word in season.”

HOLMESVILLE.

Meetings are very interesting and profitable—Miss Holmes transferred as life member from Clinton to Holmesville.

OAKVILLE

has been organized one year and a half. Meetings well attended ; mite-boxes used with good results.

FULLARTON.

Membership remains unchanged.

HARRISTON

reports that though not able to push the work for a year to come, they are working quietly and faithfully. Removals have lessened the increase.

THE GROVE.

The missionary spirit is rising among our ladies, and this auxiliary expects to do more. A goodly number take the *Outlook*.

SILOAM, LONDON SOUTH,

Has good prospects ; a willing spirit manifested to learn how to do something in this great work. Trust to see the rural districts take hold, as we find it pleasant and profitable to meet together.

ST. MARY'S.

This society was organized Oct. 5th, 1885, by Mrs. Rev. A. Cunningham. Have to report a very successful year. The letters received were an incentive to greater effort to uphold the hands of the laborer. Twenty-seven copies of *Outlook* taken, which, with the letters and leaflets, serve to increase the interest in missions.

STRATFORD.

Organized one year ago. Have held seven regular meetings and one public, at which Rev. Mr. Eby gave an address, awakening a new interest in the missionary cause. Removals have taken place during the year, but the vacancies have been filled, and much thankfulness is felt that they bear a part in helping to extend the Master's kingdom.

GORRIE.

Organized one year ago, and are thankful they have been able to do a little for the Master. Twelve meetings but no entertainments.

NIAGARA FALLS.

Organized by Miss Biggar in February. On account of Rev. Mr. Cassidy being sent to Japan from this place, a new interest has been created in the foreign work.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.

Formed in February by Miss Biggar. The ladies requested that the funds be used in the education of the Japanese orphan girl O Kami San.

ROCKWOOD.

Organized in the spring of 1886, but did not begin to work until the middle of June. Mrs. Blackstock visited the auxiliary and cheered and edified by an address full of information.

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was formed in May on a visit from Mrs. Osborne, beginning with a membership of 45. The letters were very profitably read.

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was formed 17th August, on the visit of Miss Wintemute, Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Burns. Many in this neighborhood knew Miss Wintemute, and greater interest is being taken in the work in Japan in the anticipation of hearing from her in that distant land.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BRANCH.

We present our fourth annual report with feelings of gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father, who has been pleased to crown our work with a good measure of success.

We have been greatly encouraged during the year with the response to our efforts in the formation of auxiliaries, and the coming year gives promise of further openings.

A very interesting announcement was made at our last annual meeting, to the effect that the Indian women of Georgina Island, Lake Simcoe, had formed an auxiliary to our Society. This is the first of the kind that we know of. They have contributed to our funds in the form of baskets of their own make, which are brought by the members to each meeting, and then sent quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch, who has realized by their sale the sum of \$40, which has been handed over to the Branch Treasurer. The women are naturally most interested in their sisters in the North-West, as many of them have relations there. How wonderfully God works! Woman is to be saved by woman, and not by angels.

The result of our correspondence this year is to be seen in the increase of our auxiliaries. Last year we recorded 20 auxiliaries and seven mission bands; this year we have 30 auxiliaries and 11 mission bands, an increase of 14 societies. Our new auxiliaries are Brighton, Stirling, Madoc, Millbrook, Violet, Bath, Newburgh, Foxboro', Georgina Island and Smithfield. In the formation of these societies we have been nobly aided by Mrs. Dr. Williams, who organized Bath, Violet and Newburgh. Mrs. Dr. Carman spent a good deal of time in correspondence and visiting in Brighton.

Mrs. Massey visited Stirling and Madoc, and Mrs. Blackstock organized Millbrook.

These ladies deserve our hearty thanks for the willing response they made to every call upon their time.

Our mite-boxes this year have increased our funds by \$236.

The membership is 1,616, including 31 life members and 539 members of mission bands.

The total amount raised is \$4,066.10, an increase of \$1,343.13 over last year.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH.

The fourth annual meeting of this Branch was held in Elm Street Church, Toronto, on the 30th Sept. and 1st Oct., 1886. Mrs. Dawson Kerr, President, occupied the chair.

Reports from auxiliaries, mission bands, Branch Secretaries and Treasurer were read, showing a considerable increase in number of members and receipts.

Officers for ensuing year as follows :

<i>President</i>	MRS. D. KERR, 406 Sherbourne St.
<i>First Vice-President</i>	MRS. GOODERHAM, 166 Carlton St.
<i>Second " "</i>	MRS. DR. WILLIAMS, 30 Maitland St.
<i>Third " "</i>	MRS. LONGLEY, 260 Spadina Ave.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	MRS. J. B. WILLMOTT, 46 Bond St.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	MRS. W. BRIGGS, 21 Grenville St.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. R. BROWN, 412 Jarvis St.

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REPORT OF CENTRAL BRANCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1886.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members Sept-16th, 1885.	No. of Members Sept-15th, 1886.	Increase.	Decrease.	Life Members September 1885.	Life Members September 1886.	Increase.	No. of Members of Mission Bands Sept. 1886.	Total Number of Members 1886.	No. of Public Meetings.	No. of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total Number of Meetings.
Metropolitan Church...	66	98	32	..	10	10	..	100	208	..	6	34	6
Elm St. Church.....	34	33	..	1	1	1	..	42	75	1	7	12	8
Carlton St. Church....	54	38	..	..	1	3	..	30	71	..	8	..	8
Eastern Auxiliary	117	119	2	..	6	8	2	264	389	2	7	16	9
Western "	76	76	..	..	3	5	2	41	122	1	8	..	9
Central "	42	42	..	..	1	1	..	..	43	2	5	..	7
Oshawa.....	42	27	..	15	..	..	..	..	27	2	10	..	12
Bowmanville.....	28	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1	12	10	13
Uxbridge.....	25	34	9	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	11	18	11
Picton.....	46	44	..	2	1	..	..	..	45	1	5	..	6
Lakefield.....	21	16	..	5	..	..	..	..	16	..	12	8	12
Streetsville.....	15	20	5	..	1	..	..	..	21	3	8	8	11
Napanee.....	28	53	25	..	..	..	..	..	53	1	9	12	10
Brampton.....	41	47	6	..	3	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..
Newcastle.....	36	15	..	11	2	1	..	..	16	1	12	8	13
Lindsay.....	25	14	..	11	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..
Newmarket.....	15	23	8	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..
Barrie.....	67	60	..	7	..	..	..	..	67	..	8	20	8
Orono & Kirby.....	22	24	2	..	..	2	..	24	50	..	12	7	12
Belleville, Bridge St...	40	70	30	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..
Belleville, Tabernacle..	24	21	..	3	3	..	..	..	24	2	9	7	11
Foxboro'.....	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	2	2	5	4
Georgina Island.....	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..
Smithfield.....	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	10	7	11
Violet.....	..	12	12	..	5	4	5
Bath.....	..	8	8	..	1	..	1
Brighton.....	..	10	10	..	4	..	4
Stirling.....	..	16	16	..	2	..	2
Madoc.....	..	12	12
Millbrook.....	..	9	9
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Berkeley St. Miss. Band
Carlton St. " "
Belleville, University St. Church Mission Band.	20	20
Port Hope " "	18	18
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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

METROPOLITAN, TORONTO.

At the close of our first year we had 67 ordinary and 8 life members. We have now at the end of our third year 98 ordinary and (although during the year one life member has been called "up higher") 10 life members, an increase of 31 ordinary and 2 life members. Our total income for the first year was \$544.89; this year it is \$721.96, an increase of \$177.07.

METROPOLITAN MISSION BAND.

We now have 100 names enrolled as members; the average attendance at our meetings being 22. Amount handed to the Treasurer of the Branch was \$245.

ELM STREET AUXILIARY, TORONTO.

The monthly meetings have been characterized by a simple reliance on our Heavenly Father to help us, and show us what best to do to promote the interests of our great work. Number of members 33, and 1 life member. Amount contributed, \$66.27.

ELM STREET MISSION BAND.

The special object for work during the year has been to raise funds towards the support of the "McDougall Orphanage." It has been to us a labor of love, and in working for others we have felt that God has blessed us, and as a Band has drawn us closer together in the bonds of Christian fellowship. We have 40 active and 12 honorary members, and have paid to the Treasurer \$186.70.

WESTERN AUXILIARY (INCLUDING QUEEN ST., DUNDAS ST., AND SPADINA AVENUE CHURCHES).

Our ordinary membership has increased, and we have two new life members. Mite-boxes have realized the sum of \$24.04. Membership 76, and five life members. Amount contributed, \$352.04; an increase over last year of \$111.37.

MISSION BAND OF WESTERN AUXILIARY.

Our roll numbers 41 members, and nearly all the meetings of the Band were well attended. Our members have shown themselves to be a band of willing workers, and we have every reason to hope for the future that, with the Divine aid, the Mission Band of our Church will be a prominent auxiliary to the mission interests of the Methodist Church of Canada. Amount contributed, \$100.

CENTRAL CHURCH, TORONTO.

Our auxiliary reports for this year 42 members, and one life member. Amount contributed, \$63.76.

EASTERN AUXILIARY, TORONTO.

The interest of the members in this auxiliary is of a deeper and more heart-felt nature, and an earnest desire is shown to do all in their power to forward the cause of God in foreign lands. Members 119, life members 8. Amount contributed, \$264.05.

YOUNG LADIES' MISSION CIRCLE OF SHERBOURNE STEEET CHURCH.

Members, 264. Amount remitted, \$240.

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BERKELEY STREET MISSION BAND.

Members, 56. Amount remitted, \$50.00. Total amount raised by this auxiliary, \$504.06.

CARLTON STREET AUXILIARY, TORONTO.

We are pleased to report a fair progress in our work for the missions. Our last year has been one of continued usefulness, and although at present we may not see the fruits of our labor, we yet know that the Master is lovingly watching us. Members, 38. Amount remitted, \$99.10.

CARLTON STREET MISSION BAND.

This mission band was organized in October, 1885. On the 21st December a sale was held which realized \$94.89. In renewing our efforts for the coming year, may we all be more in earnest when we think that we may be the means of bringing some souls out of the spiritual darkness to the knowledge of our blessed Saviour.

UXBRIDGE.

We are happy this year to report an increase in our membership, but regret a decrease in our funds. We have great reason to praise the Lord for an increased interest in the work. We have 34 members, an increase of 11 over last year. Amount remitted, \$99.62.

BOWMANVILLE.

This auxiliary numbers 28 members, three being gentlemen (honorary members). Mite-boxes contained \$1.65. Amount contributed, \$60.00.

OSHAWA.

We are glad to report a growing interest in this great work. We miss from our circle our late Recording Secretary and only life member, Miss N. Strickland. "Her work is done, she has heard the 'well done' of the Master." Number of members, 28. Amount contributed, \$73.00.

LINDSAY.

Members, 14. Amount contributed, \$15.67.

NEWCASTLE.

Members, 15; one life member. Amount contributed, \$28.00.

ORONO AND KIRBY.

While we are able to report only a small increase in membership, yet the interest is well sustained, the ladies all seem to take a deep interest in the work. Last October we sent a large box of clothing to the Morley Mission; the ladies of Newcastle also contributing. Last April we had an Easter entertainment, which was very successful. Number of meetings held during the year, 12. Number of members, 24. Life members, 2. Amount raised, \$54.36. Remitted to Branch Treasurer, \$50.13. The Children's Mission Band (Little Gleaners) is also prospering; the children take a deep interest in the work, which seems to be constantly on the increase. Number of members, 24.

PICTON.

Members, 44; one life member. Amount contributed, \$75.00.

BELLEVILLE—BRIDGE STREET.

This auxiliary reports a membership of 70, an increase of 30 new members during the year, and a growing interest in mission work. Amount collected during the year, including a donation from Mrs. Elliott's Bible class of \$9.00, and \$20.00 from Mission Band, is \$133.87.

BELLEVILLE—TABERNACLE.

This auxiliary has met every month the past year except August; two of the meetings being public, quarterly ones, in union with Bridge Street Auxiliary. Miss Mercy Gould sent us from Australia the handsome donation of \$50.00, for our work in Japan. Number of members, 24, including 3 life members. Amount contributed, \$72.55.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH MISSION BAND.

Our Mission Circle in University Church has been much interested in the Indians of the North-West, and desire their contributions to go to the McDougall Orphanage. Twenty-four mite-boxes were distributed amongst them, bringing in the sum of \$7.07. Number of members, 20. Amount contributed, \$26.09.

LAKEFIELD.

Our meetings, which have been held regularly, have been seasons of great spiritual blessings. Our sympathies have been more fully aroused while listening to the very interesting letters from the various mission fields, and our hearts drawn out for a deeper personal consecration, and prayer for the salvation of precious souls. Members, 16. Amount contributed, \$69.52.

STREETSVILLE.

Five members have been received during the year; we now number 21. During the year, eight monthly and three public meetings have been held. Amount remitted, \$63.29.

NAPANEE.

God having crowned our efforts with success this year, we are enabled to report an increase of 27 members, and a growing interest in our auxiliary. A few mite-boxes have been distributed, and their contents, which amounted to \$22.16, proved quite an acceptable addition to our other sources of income. A recent entertainment in connection with our Society has aided us very materially in furnishing the amount we desired to send, which is \$100. Membership, 53.

BARRIE.

We have a live society. All have the work at heart, and a large number have promised to unite with us the coming year. Members, 60. Amount contributed, \$71.79.

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Members, 18. Amount remitted, \$15.25.

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BRAMPTON.

We are glad and thankful to "remember all the way the Lord our God hath led us" through the year. Our monthly meetings have been most enjoyable, our membership is larger, our income greater, and the interest in missionary work not only unabated but constantly growing. For the benefit of the Society, we had a lecture from Mrs. Osborne, of Niagara Falls, and also held an "At Home" at Mrs. German's. When Toronto Conference met here in June, the Woman's Missionary Society had its anniversary, which was the occasion of a soul-stirring and zeal-inspiring meeting. Rejoicing in prosperity, we mourn the departure of three members, last year faithfully serving the King, but—

"With Jesus now!
Serving Him face to face."

One of these ladies, Mrs. Jane Wright, left \$25.00 as a bequest to our Auxiliary. We must also acknowledge with gratitude a donation of \$7.00 from Mrs. Wm. McKay, of Elmbank. Monthly meetings held during the year, 15. Members, 47; life members, 3. Amount contributed, \$150.

SMITHFIELD.

We are greatly interested in this work. Members, 12. Amount contributed, \$30.00.

VIOLET.

Our prospects for another year are not as cheering as we wish, but we mean to do our best. Members, 12. Amount contributed, \$8.53.

BATH.

Bath organized November 1885, by Mrs. Dr. Williams. We are greatly interested in this work and will do all we can to forward this institution. Members, 8; amount contributed, \$5.

BRIGHTON.

This auxiliary was organized only a few months ago by Mrs. Dr. Carman. The ladies are much interested in the work. Members, 10. Amount remitted, \$16.50.

STIRLING.

We hope to give a better report in the future. Four meetings called. Members, 16. Amount contributed, \$16.63.

MILLBROOK.

Organized by Mrs. Blackstock a few months ago. Members, 9. Amount contributed, \$9.

NEWMARKET.

Twenty-three members.

GEORGINA ISLAND.

The Indian Women's Missionary Auxiliary Society owes its origin to Mrs. R. Mayes, the wife of the school teacher. She had for some time wished to enlist the interest and sympathy of the Indian women in

sending the Gospel to their less favored sisters in the North-West. The society was organized Oct. 19th, 1885, by the Rev. G. J. Bishop, Chairman of the District. The Indian women entered heartily into the scheme, electing Mrs. R. Mayes, President, and the rest of the officers from amongst themselves, Chief Bigcanoe acting as interpreter, and using his best efforts to aid the society. Number of members, 35, including some little girls who are very pleased to do something for Jesus. The interest in the meetings has been well sustained, some of the women making short speeches showing their interest in the society. The meetings are held the first Wednesday in every month. The members contribute plain and fancy baskets and other articles, all of their own making; we have had 9 meetings up to date. Total amount contributed, \$40.

EASTERN BRANCH.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1885-86.

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and our mouths with praise as we present the third report of our Eastern Branch. The work during the year has increased, and the interest in the Woman's Missionary Society is deepening and widening. Our missionary literature is highly prized, especially the Japan letters. Women are realizing that they have a part in this great work. May He who has rolled away the stone from the moral sepulchres in heathen lands, touch the heart of every Christian woman in our own land, prompting her to work while God gives her the opportunity. In our Montreal Conference we have 96 circuits and 92 missions, with a membership of 26,590. During the year 1884-5 \$28,000 were contributed to the General Missionary Society, and this year, notwithstanding the increase in the income of the Woman's Missionary Society, the General Missionary Society report \$30,000 contributed to its funds from this Conference, thus showing that contributions to the Woman's Missionary Society do not lessen the amounts given to the General Society. Surely the silver and the gold are the Lord's and He will be debtor to no one. Let us labor on, there is work for each one, and we may rest assured, if faithful to our trust, we are hastening the time when He shall see the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WILLIAMS,
Cor. Secretary.

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Montreal	116	115	..	1	..	3	..	70	188	2	10	20	12
Kingston	48	51	3	..	4	5	1	20	76	4	10	15	14
Ottawa	36	42	6	1	43	4	7	11	11
Brockville	50	47	..	3	..	1	48	2	10	13	12
Farmersville	8	9	1	9	..	12	4	12
Pembroke	..	71	71	3	11	15	14
Greenwood	..	18	18	..	11	3	11
Westmeath	..	12	12	1	3	3	4
Cobden	..	7	7	..	4	5	4
Renfrew*
Kemptville	..	14	14	..	6	3	6
Morrisburg	..	11	11	..	5	3	5
Cornwall	..	14	14	..	4	7	4
Quebec Miss. Band	31	31
Beachburg " "	7	7
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*No report.

Number of Auxiliaries 1884-85	6
" " 1885-86	13
Increase	7
Annual Members 1884-85	294
Mission Bands " "	56
Total	350
Annual Members 1885-86	411
Life " "	10
Miss. Band " "	128
Total	549
Increase	199
Income 1884-85	\$809 15
" 1885-86	1559 49
Increase	\$750 34

EASTERN BRANCH.

The third annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the W.M.S. was held in the George Street Church, Brockville, Oct. 5th and 6th. The President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, occupied the chair and conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Woodcock gave the address of welcome and Mrs. McRossie the response. The President's address was given extempore and was most interesting. She not only carefully reviewed the work of the year but offered many valuable suggestions to the workers. The report of the Corresponding Secretary showed an increase of eight auxiliaries and two mission bands during the year, and the Treasurer's report an increase of nearly \$750 over the receipts of last year. To Him that ruleth over all be all the glory.

The reports from the various auxiliaries and mission bands were most gratifying, clearly indicating a growing interest among our women in this glorious work for the extension of our Master's kingdom.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :

<i>President</i>	MRS. W. E. ROSS, Montreal.
<i>First Vice-President</i>	MRS. D. V. LUCAS, "
<i>Second " "</i>	MRS. WALKER, Ottawa.
<i>Third " "</i>	MRS. WOODCOCK, Brockville.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	MRS. D. V. LUCAS.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	MRS. T. G. WILLIAMS.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. WM. McROSSIE.

MONTREAL AUXILIARY.

Hitherto it has been our custom to write the report of the French work and that of the auxiliary as one. This year for the sake of convenience, and subsequent presentation to the Board of Managers, the reports will be given separately, although in reality they are inseparable.

Ten monthly meetings, two special ones, and more committee meetings than we would like to say, have been held.

In the month of January our esteemed President, Mrs. Charles Morton, who has filled with so much ability the office since the year 1878, felt obliged from ill health to retire from the position. The Society received this resignation with regret, and passed a resolution expressing their strong appreciation of her untiring and self-denying faithfulness to all the interests of the W.M.S., and expressing the hope that she would still supervise the educational interests of our French work. Mrs. Holland, first Vice-President, has filled the office since that time.

Two lectures by the Rev. Dr. Eby, and our annual tea, considerably helped to augment the funds of the Society. Amount contributed, \$428.78.

YOUNG LADIES' MISSION BAND.

Membership for the year, 27. At the opening of the winter, the destitution of some of the children in the Girl's Home led to the expenditure of about nineteen dollars in providing them with clothing. A new method of raising funds was tried, which was the soliciting of subscriptions by means of palettes, on which the names of the subscribers were written. Fifty-three dollars was raised in this way. Our art exhibition netted \$80. \$50 was given the Rev. Mr. de Gruchy to buy an organ for the church at St. Theodore, and \$73.70 to the W. M. Society.

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ST. JAMES STREET MISSION BAND.

Officers :—President, Mrs. Godbee Brown; Recording Secretary, Miss Warcup; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hodgson; Treasurer, Miss Graham. There are at present 35 regular and 8 honorary members. Average attendance at monthly meetings, 20. The mite-boxes have yielded large returns.

In June a Japanese tea and strawberry festival was held, which realized \$70. The income of the Band is to be divided between the Crosby Girls' Home and the McDougall Orphanage. This band was only organized in February. Amount contributed, \$124. Total for Montreal, \$626.48.

OTTAWA.

It is with devout thanks to our Heavenly Father that we, the members of the Ottawa Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, present our annual report.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was held by invitation in Ottawa last October, when profitable and interesting meetings were conducted by the lady delegates, and a very pleasant evening spent at a musical and literary entertainment given as a welcome to the lady delegates. In January the Rev. L. N. Beaudry kindly delivered his lecture on "Incidents in the American War," and in April the Rev. Mr. Eby, of Japan, delivered two of his celebrated lectures on that country.

A new feature in our work this year was the distribution of 100 mite-boxes among the members and their friends.

During this year efforts were made to build a church in Hull, as the ladies felt the great need there was to provide some place of worship for the French Protestants there; nothing, however, has as yet been done, as the time for action does not seem to have arrived.

The Society sustained during the past year a great loss in the death of the late efficient Secretary, Mrs. Chubbuck. From the commencement of our Society our esteemed sister constantly manifested the most sincere interest in our work, and was ever ready to do her part in furthering its interests, and has now gone home to receive the "Well done" from the Master she so delighted to serve.

During the year we have enrolled six new members, and can record an encouraging increase in our funds; and with strong faith and cheerful courage we take up the work of another year, resolved to do what we can to hasten the time when "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

KINGSTON.

The past year has been one of progress in our mission work. The meeting of the General Board here last autumn infused new vigor into our society. A Mission Band of energetic young workers has become a recognized power for good among us. The outlook for the coming year is most encouraging, and our earnest prayer is that we may be enabled to accomplish whatever work the Master has awaiting us.

MISSION BAND—KINGSTON.

This Band was organized December 14th, 1886. Officers—Mrs. Herald,

President; Miss Anglin and Miss Bell, Vice-Presidents; Miss Chown, Secretary; Miss Baker, Treasurer. There are 20 members and 6 honorary members. The industrial exhibition netted the handsome sum of \$88.00. Whole amount contributed, \$100.00, part of which is to be expended in the support of a Bible-woman in Japan.

MISSION BAND—QUEBEC.

(We are very sorry that we have not received any report from this earnest band of workers, but desire to thank them for the donation of \$50.00 sent to the Treasurer.)

BROCKVILLE.

Our auxiliary has been organized three years, and each year we have been able to report an increase in our funds; this last year an increase of over one hundred dollars. Our Japanese social was very successful, the proceeds amounting to \$93.50. We are very glad to report our first life member. The whole amount sent to Branch Treasurer during the year, \$176.65. Our average attendance exceeds that of last year, though our membership has slightly decreased. Our mite-box fund is in advance of last year, and the *Missionary Outlook* has a large number of subscribers. Our love for the Master and His work has been growing with the year, and we look for still greater blessing this coming year.

FARMERSVILLE.

This auxiliary was organized March, 1885. We have not done very active service during the past year, but hope for better things in the year on which we have entered.

PEMBROKE.

This auxiliary was organized September 16, 1885, with a membership of 14. We are thankful to report a growing interest in our monthly meeting and an increase of membership. We now number seventy-one. We have held during the year eleven monthly meetings, one entertainment, two public meetings. Our mite-boxes contained \$30. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer during the year, \$146.67. We thank God and take courage.

CORNWALL.

Our auxiliary was organized by Mrs. Williams in April, and as it has only been in existence a few months, we have very little to report. Hoping that next year all will be more earnest and faithful to duty.

RENFREW.

This auxiliary was organized March 3rd, 1886, but owing to uncontrollable circumstances can only report \$2.00 sent to the Branch Treasurer. We begin the year hopefully, with a missionary spirit. Mrs. Stevenson, President; Mrs. W. K. Shortt, Corresponding Secretary.

BEACHBURG.

A mission band called "Helping Hands" was formed March 24, 1886. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$7.00.

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This auxiliary was organized April 13th, 1886, by Mrs. T. G. Williams. We are hoping for an increase of membership as we enter a new year, and also an increase of interest in our monthly meetings. Membership, 14. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$14.

WESTMEATH.

This auxiliary was organized by Mrs. T. G. Williams, President of Pembroke Auxiliary, on 1st January, 1886, with a membership of eighteen (18). As this is our first year, and the work quite new to many of us, we have but little to report. Many of our good ladies are aged or in bad health, and attendance at the monthly meetings has not been what we could desire. We hope for an increase of zeal and effort in this good work in this place also, as we have another good auxiliary at Greenwood appointment on this circuit which is doing good work for the Master. Amount contributed up to this time, \$10.

GREENWOOD.

This auxiliary was organized by Mrs. T. G. Williams, President of the Pembroke Auxiliary and Secretary of the Montreal Branch, on October 10th, 1885. We are happy to report a most commendable zeal in connection with the operations of this society. Considering the remoteness from the place of meeting, the average attendance has exceeded what could have been expected. Eleven monthly meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of eight. A social has lately been given under the auspices of our society for the purpose of increasing the interest in our work and also in aid of the society's fund. This our first year has been so successful as to greatly encourage us for the future. Present membership, 18; increase 3. Amount raised during the year, \$43.50.

COBDEN.

This auxiliary was organized January 28th, 1886. Amount raised, \$7.75. Membership, 7.

MORRISBURG.

This auxiliary was organized April 14th, 1886. We expect to add to our numbers in the incoming year. Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$13.34.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Glancing backward over the past year, notwithstanding its neglected opportunities and forgotten duties, we find that it has been one rich with blessings. Truly the door of the Divine Treasury has been opened unto us, and as we are again called upon to gather up the fruition of our labor, in all the way the Lord has led us we can trace His underlying goodness.

All through the year our Branch has been increasing in strength and extending its influence, until it now comprises sixteen auxiliaries and seven mission bands. We are sorry to record the loss of the "Helping Hand" mission band, but trust that an effort will be made to reorganize it.

During the summer the way was opened for us to partially carry out the plan of sending a delegation to form new auxiliaries. The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries made a hurried tour through some of our most promising towns and villages and were successful in organizing two auxiliaries, and have reason to hope that others will follow as the result of this undertaking. At the annual Berwick Camp-meeting, held in August, those of our members who were privileged to be present conducted a very interesting missionary meeting which was largely attended by ladies from different parts of the Province. On that occasion the seed was scattered with a hopeful hand, and we have faith to believe that, "Like willows by the waters, will the scattered grain be found."

Mite-boxes have been distributed among a large number of our members and have proved a fruitful source of income.

The interest in the different mission fields has been well sustained throughout the year by the frequent and interesting letters from our missionaries. Our monthly meetings have not only benefited us socially and intellectually, but have been a source of spiritual growth.

We have so eagerly watched the development of Miss Cartmell's work in Japan, that it was with sincere sorrow we heard of her illness at the beginning of the year. It seems mysterious to us that she had to lay aside her much-loved work just as it was opening up so promisingly. "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight." We rejoice that Miss Spencer has been so eminently successful and that "other laborers," impelled by the love of Christ, have been found willing to enter this increasingly interesting and important field.

Naturally we have been deeply interested in our *own* missionary, Miss Knight, in whom our expectations have been more than realized. During the year we have been called upon to sympathize with her in sorrow, but we know that divine grace is to her a conscious reality and that the promises of God have shone out brightly in the midst of the "waves and the billows."

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"And thus the faintest cry breathed in His name
Will reach His throne, and find acceptance there.
None are too poor to bring
With humble, grateful hearts this offering."

MAUD WHISTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

STATEMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH FOR YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 15th, 1886.

AUXILIARIES.	Amount Raised by Auxiliaries.	Amount Raised by Mission Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Life Members.	No. of Members of Mission Bands.	No. of Monthly Meetings.	No. of Public Meetings.	Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings.	Total No. of Meetings.
Halifax South	\$518 00	\$100 00	74	17	23	11	3	17	14
Halifax North	249 75	213 15	50	3	54	10	..	19	10
Providence Church	50 25	104 00	32	..	34	12	..	13	12
Wesley Church	92 25	5 50	54	..	43	12	1	22	13
Windsor	74 15	6 04	30	1	20	8	..	12	8
Horton	42 88	..	18	..	..	12	4	9	1
Guysboro'	38 10	1 18	20	..	16	11	1	5	1
Musquodoboit	26 25	..	18	..	..	12	..	10	1
Amherst	15 45	..	16	..	..	10	..	9	1
Truro	10 55	..	21	..	..	7	..	10	..
*Canning	9 50	..	14	..	..	2	..	10	..
*Berwick	2 65	..	8	..	..	2	..	8	2
Oxford	3 45	..	28	..	..	4	..	20	4
*Mahone Bay .....	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Ritcey's Cove .....	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Digby .....	..	..	7	..	14	..	..	..	..
Total	1132 23	\$429 87	416	21	204	113	9	134	122

Total income, including branch meeting collection, Oct. 1885, \$1,606.55. Increase over last year, \$824.58. Total membership, 416.

Mission Band members, 204. Increase over last year, 349, including Mission Bands.

* The auxiliaries marked were formed during the last quarter, the three last having been organized too late to report this year. Respectfully submitted,

MAUD WHISTON,
Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.		Members' Fees.	Life Members' Fees	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Entertainments.	Mite-Boxes.	Sabbath Schools.	Sale of Reports.	Donations.	Other Sources.	Total Raised by Auxiliaries.	Total Receiv'd by Branch Treasurer.
Halifax South	.....	\$203 53	\$60 50	\$100 00	\$19 60	\$104 96	\$44 53	.....	\$4 88	\$80 00	.....	\$618 00	\$618 00
Halifax North	.....	47 00	25 00	213 15	.....	49 12	26 96	.....	0 50	101 20	.....	462 93	458 38
Providence Church, Yarmouth	.....	32 00	.....	104 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	154 25	154 25
Wesley	.....	45 09	.....	5 90	12 50	.....	12 71	.....	1 20	.....	.....	97 90	97 90
Windsor	.....	46 65	25 00	6 04	9 43	.....	14 15	.....	0 20	2 50	.....	80 19	80 19
Horton	.....	18 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	10 62	.....	0 30	1 00	.....	42 88	40 66
Guyshoro'	.....	20 00	.....	1 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 25	20 00	.....	38 10	38 10
Musquodoboit	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 60	.....	.....	26 25	26 25
Amherst	.....	14 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 45	14 91
Truro	.....	10 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 55	10 10
Canning	.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50	9 50
Berwick	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 90	.....	2 65	2 00
Oxford	.....	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 45	3 45
Collection taken at Branch Meeting	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 45	44 45
Total	\$458 37	\$110 50	\$430 27	\$90 98	\$154 08	\$108 97	\$20 00	\$9 18	\$205 60	\$18 35	\$1606 55	\$1598 14

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Windsor Mission Band.....	6 04
Earnest Gleaners' Mission Band.....	6 00
Wesley Church Band.....	5 50
Cheerful Givers' Band	1 18

Halifax, 30th September, 1886.

MARY S. RAY,
Treasurer N. S. Branch W.M.S.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, was held in the schoolroom of Grafton Street Church, Halifax, October 7th and 8th. The opening session was on Thursday, at 10 a.m. After devotional exercises the roll was called, and over forty delegates responded. The retiring President, Mrs. G. H. Starr, addressed the meeting. With words fitly chosen, and in a manner deeply impressive, she spoke of the rise and progress of the work and called upon her sisters to be up and doing while it is yet day.

A resolution expressive of regret at her resignation, and thanks for her services, was adopted by a rising vote.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. S. F. Huestis (presidents of auxiliaries are ex-officio vice-presidents of the Branch); Recording Secretary, Miss Silver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Whiston; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray; Auditor, Miss Temple. Mrs. W. S. McCoy was elected representative to the Board of Management, which met at Hamilton.

After discussing various topics relating to the interests of the Society, the meeting adjourned until 2 p.m.

The afternoon session proved one of much interest. The address of welcome by Mrs. F. Woodbury, and the response by Mrs. Dawson, of Oxford, gave Sackville reason to be proud of her daughters. Then followed reports from auxiliaries, greetings from Baptist and Presbyterian sisters, and reports from mission bands. The singing by the Reapers' Band of Brunswick Street and the Coralline Band of Grafton Street, also a beautiful solo by Mrs. J. W. Smith, added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Mrs. Lyall, returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting address and exhibited a model of a Chinese bound foot. Meeting adjourned until the evening.

The evening service was held in the church, and at the hour appointed a large and expectant audience assembled. The Rev. R. Brecken conducted the opening exercises, and after speaking a few glowing words in behalf of the work, introduced the President, Mrs. S. F. Huestis, who then took the chair.

The annual report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, showing marked increase in the work of the Society. An address by Miss Maria Angwin, M.D., evinced both careful thought and literary ability. The excellent music rendered by the choir added much to the effect of the meeting. Some youthful members of the Reapers' Band recited suitable dialogues. These little workers are early in the field. Mrs. Lyall's description of the work in which she is engaged, scenes she had witnessed, customs, manners and habits of daily life with which she had come in daily contact, clothed her theme with reality, and brought our sisters of the east much nearer. Dr. Lyall also spoke briefly on the subject of Chinese missions. Meeting closed with doxology and benediction.

The closing session in the schoolroom on Friday morning was a season of refreshing long to be remembered. After disposing of some routine business, the meeting took a social turn, many delegates expressing their feelings and testifying to their own experiences.

Mrs. Lyall's touching account of the trials and triumphs of missionary life deeply affected her hearers. Mrs. McCoy presented her with a purse containing \$20 as a slight expression of the pleasure and profit derived from her presence at the different sessions. Meetings closed with the knowledge that an impetus has thereby been given to the work which will go on and prosper.

L. SILVER,
Recording Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES IN THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

HALIFAX NORTH AUXILIARY.

Our monthly meetings have been full of interest and "seasons of refreshing" to all who were present. We regret that we were unable to hold any public meetings during the year. Two ladies of the auxiliary opened their houses for a concert and social, which added \$49.12 to our funds. We desire to go forward with more faith and prayer. May it be true of our Society that "the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

REAPERS' MISSION BAND.

During the past year we have endeavored not only to make our band a society for raising money, but to acquaint ourselves as far as possible with the different missionary enterprises in the world. Original papers have been prepared for every alternate month, and the hours spent in listening to the accounts of the work in Corea, Fiji, etc., have not made us less interested in the work at home. A large proportion of our income has been derived from mite-boxes, of which 39 were distributed among our members. Early in the year 600 Christmas cards were forwarded to

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mission stations in the North-West, and a link has been thus formed between our band and some of the workers in the field. We have taken as our band motto, Neh. ii. 20: "The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build."

HALIFAX SOUTH AUXILIARY.

We would raise our Ebenezer, for "hitherto the Lord has helped us." We have been prospered both in our monthly meetings and in aggressive work for the Master. Our average attendance has increased; our souls profited, while the spirit of giving has been more fully developed.

Our mission band has come up nobly to the work. The "Corallines" have manifested growth in spiritual gifts, in increased membership, and in a much larger sum contributed. They have also sent a box to Miss Knight, the contents of which will prove a great pleasure to the girls in her care.

GUYSBORO' AUXILIARY.

Our monthly meetings during the year have been means of grace and "seasons of refreshing." Our only regret in regard to the meetings is that a larger number of the members do not attend. It has been found best to have our band meet with us. One of our number has been called away from work on earth. Our Sunday-school has been formed into a missionary society, the contribution of the girls to be added to our funds.

WINDSOR AUXILIARY.

The past year may be called a fairly successful one. We regret that the interest taken in woman's work for woman in the missionary field is not more general among the members of our church and congregation. Those who attend our monthly meetings have missionary zeal quickened in their hearts, and greater longing for personal consecration imparted. A mission band called the "Windsor Gleaners" has been formed recently in connection with our auxiliary. We have lost one member by death this year, and one by removal.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT AUXILIARY.

We are glad to report an increasing interest in our auxiliary. Owing to the distance some of our members live from the place of meeting, the attendance is necessarily small. We are sending about eight pounds of yarn to British Columbia, for the use of the Indian children under Miss Knight's care; also two pounds as a gift to one of the missionaries who had wished to purchase some for his own use. We drop one name this year and add another, leaving our membership as before.

HORTON AUXILIARY.

We have felt that our little monthly gatherings have been the means of increasing our knowledge of the need there is for missionary effort, and also stimulating our zeal. At the close of each quarter a public meeting has been held, presided over by our pastor, at which it has been our aim to interest others in this cause which we ourselves have learned to love so well. We have no regularly organized mission band, but some of the younger girls have formed themselves into a juvenile missionary society and have contributed their "mite" to our funds, which have also been increased by the contents of twelve mite-boxes, amounting to \$14.15.

AMHERST AUXILIARY.

Through the influence of Mrs. G. H. Starr, our auxiliary was organized in November, 1885. Though many of the days on which we were to meet have been stormy, we have reason to be thankful for increasing interest. We trust that the coming year may be one of greater consecration, and that new zeal may be imparted to all. Eight copies of the *Outlook* are taken.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH AUXILIARY, YARMOUTH.

Our auxiliary was organized in September, 1885, beginning with fourteen members. This number has been increased to thirty-two. The monthly meetings have been fairly attended, and have proved a source of blessing to all. As a society we have been greatly benefited by missionary intelligence received through leaflets, letters and the *Outlook*. An extremely interesting letter was received from Miss Knight, which enlightened us very much as to the work done in the Crosby Home.

WILLING GLEANERS' MISSION BAND.

The "Willing Gleaners" Mission Band in connection with Providence Church, Yarmouth, was organized November, 1885,—all young people, none over sixteen in age. We are glad to say that we entered upon our missionary work with joy and zeal that this way was open to us for working for our King. At Easter we had a sale, realizing \$104. We were quite happy that our efforts for the Master had resulted in an amount beyond our highest hopes.

WESLEY CHURCH AUXILIARY, YARMOUTH.

Our auxiliary was organized October 5th, 1885, with fifteen members, and at each of our monthly meetings, which have been regularly held, new members have been added. The letters received from Miss Cartmell and other workers in the mission field, as well as the selections on missionary topics provided by our literary committee, have added greatly to the interest of the meetings.

Our mission band was organized Jan. 13th, 1886. There are now 43 members enrolled. The little ones were very much interested at first, but during the summer months the attendance has been small. Yet we persevere and hold our meetings regularly. We have much reason to be encouraged in this our first year, and we pray that in the coming year we may have renewed vigor and increased members.

TRURO AUXILIARY.

Having only been organized since January, we feel that we are but babes in the work. We have as yet had no public meetings, but intend holding one soon. We pray that God will bless our feeble efforts, and give us greater success in the future. We have but a small amount to contribute, but with it go many earnest prayers that our Heavenly Father's blessing may rest upon our Society.

OXFORD AUXILIARY.

Our auxiliary was organized May 8th, 1885. Since then we have had three meetings, and are glad to be able to report a growing interest. Having been organized such a short time, our funds are small, but the outlook promising.

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BERWICK AUXILIARY.

Having only been organized since July, we have had but two meetings. Very little interest has been shown in this work outside our members as yet, but we prayerfully hope that the women of our village may awaken to the knowledge of what they owe to their Master in this respect.

CANNING AUXILIARY.

As our auxiliary has been so recently organized, we are as yet scarcely in working order, but we are pleased to be able to report a growing interest in the work, and we are about forming a mission band, so that the young girls of our church can help forward the good cause.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE N. B. & P. E. I. BRANCH.

How hurriedly we are coming to the revelation of prophecy. At the beginning of the present century scarcely anything had been done to send the precious Word through the heathen world.

Now this enterprise, called missionary, belongs to our age, the glorious latter part of the nineteenth century.

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those who published it." The Revised Version has it "women"; one thing certain, that it means disciples of our Lord, and those, too, upon whom the Holy Ghost has come—those who obey His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel." Every child of God knows that some have to stay at home, while others are called to go; we are well aware that many who remain at home do more to help diffuse the Gospel in heathen lands than if they went themselves. The call is very loud now for more laborers and more means. God grant that the coming year may be flourishing. With grateful hearts we present our year's report, gathering renewed energy for future work, with hopeful hearts. When we sent our last report we had looked for more auxiliaries; although we did not get the desire of our hearts, we know that all will be well, the future will more than recompense for anything like lack on the part of sister churches.

Queen Square and Portland, St. John, Woodstock, Fredericton, Moncton, and Newcastle, N.B., will, no doubt, come up to the help of the Lord in this *woman's work*.

St. Stephen, Sackville, and Centenary, St. John; N.B., have done well.

At Sackville the mission spirit has entered Mt. Allison Ladies' College. On 21st November, 1885, they formed the "Excelsior Mission Band"; 23 young ladies enrolled their names as members. The meetings were held regularly while the school was in session. Much interest was awakened in the minds of students by the reading of interesting articles from the different fields of labor. A parlor concert was given in March, which, together with distribution of mite-boxes to each member, has helped to keep up the interest and increase the funds. This Band is considered a very important work, as in this way the missionary spirit will be carried to so many parts of our provinces. Clubs for the *Outlook* have been continued. Letters, leaflets, etc., have been of great assistance in the regular meetings."

As for little P. E. I., it may be said of her—"She hath done what she could." The Bedeque Auxiliary still full of zeal, and increasing financially and spiritually.

Summerside has been just a year in this work and there is hope of prosperity.

Tryon has been in the work the same length of time; the society has kept up wonderfully for such a scattered district. The monthly meetings were not as regular as was desirable.

Cornwall, a month or two longer in the work, has done remarkably well. In the early spring the society gave a concert and readings, which was well appreciated.

We are satisfied that each society is doing its best; the letters from secretaries are encouraging, and ask for prayers. Letters and leaflets are anxiously looked for from month to month. God is enlarging His chosen instruments for the coming of His Son's kingdom: even here in this little speck on His globe are found the "widow's mites." Bear us in the arms of faith before the throne.

Exclusive of two quarters of St. Stephen, N.B., our society has gathered in the sum of \$358.79.

L. A. BEER,
Cor. Secretary.

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.

In looking over the work done during the past year, mingled feelings of regret and thankfulness are present. Our auxiliary has been strengthened in membership. Monthly missionary prayer-meetings have been held, and have wonderfully helped to keep us united, and given an added interest in the great work—yet we long for more of our women to join the band of Christian laborers, and assist in spreading the Gospel and bringing light to darkened lands. We want more zeal, more earnestness, more of the true missionary spirit. Membership, 43; amount contributed during the year, \$100.00.

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The officers for the coming year are as follows :—President, Mrs. Geo. Campbell ; Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Grant ; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. Deinstadt ; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Chipman.

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Cor. Secretary.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

The Charlottetown Auxiliary has had a meeting each month during the year ; in the winter with a very good attendance, since the warm weather commenced not so good. The number of members has increased to fifty, and a much deeper interest is taken in the work. The letters read at our meetings from the missionaries in the different fields have kept their work constantly before us. Our special interest is in the school at Tokio, where there is one little Japanese girl that we can call ours, and about whom we hear every quarter. This brings the work nearer, and makes us feel almost as though we were in the midst of it, or, at any rate, not so far away but we can do our share to spread the "good news" in Japan at least. The amount raised this year, \$109.25. We hope that next year will show an advance in every particular.

EARNEST WORKERS' MISSION BAND.

The Earnest Workers' Mission Band was organized April 27th, 1885, with eleven members, who unanimously chose Miss Jost for their President. The plan of work has been weekly sewing meetings—orders for plain and fancy work have been filled out, some articles sold by private sale, and others at a public sale held April 22nd, 1886. Although it has been impossible for the band to meet during the summer months, the interest has been kept up, and we all expect to commence work again this autumn with renewed interest, and be really worthy of our name. The number of members has increased to twenty-four. The amount raised, \$42 ; of which \$40 has been appropriated to the Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson.

ANNIE E. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

BRANCH MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the New Brunswick and P. E. I Branch, was held in the Prince St. Church, Charlottetown, on Thursday afternoon, August 26th, commencing at 3 o'clock.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Mrs. Shenton conducted the meeting. After devotional exercises the Corresponding Secretary's report was heard and approved.

The resignation of the President in writing was handed in, also that of the Corresponding Secretary. The reports of the different auxiliaries were then presented, after which the Treasurer's report was read and approved. The officers for the year were then elected : Mrs. Shenton being unanimously chosen as President, accepted the office. The Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Miss Kate Wright, Miss Hattie Smith, and Mrs. Geo. Harrison ; Recording Secretary, Miss Fannie Palmer, St. John, N.B. ; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lavinia Stewart, Sackville, N.B. ; Treasurer, Miss May Dawson, Charlottetown, P.E.I. ; Auditor, Mrs. C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown.

A. E. JOHNSON,
for Rec. Secretary.

ST. JOHNS EAST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We are glad to report an increase in our membership this year, and also in our funds. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly, and the letters of our missionaries are much valued and very gladly received. The Gleaners' Mission Band are keeping up their interest in the Society's work. They hold weekly meetings which are well attended, have a membership of 47, and have contributed a good sum the last year. Altogether we feel that the outlook for the coming year is promising, and we are looking hopefully and prayerfully to the future, trusting that greater success may attend our efforts to help forward the work of our Master.

ST. JOHNS WEST, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We again present our annual report. Our meetings have been regularly held, and generally well attended and much interest manifested by all our members. We wish specially to mention a donation of twenty-five dollars from Mr. John Angel, in memory of his late wife, who was a member of our society. Our funds show an increase of \$26.75 over last year. We hope for renewed effort, and trust the blessing of God will rest upon us.

WINNIPEG.

This society has been organized one year in its present form. The monthly meetings are exceedingly interesting and fairly well attended. Missionaries' letters much appreciated. The *Outlook* taken by almost all the members. Number of members, 32. Amount contributed, \$205.80. We look forward to a year of more earnest effort, and hope this precious work may prosper in our hands.

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Oct. 28.—To balance on hand		\$5,879 94
Receipts of Western Branch, from following		
Auxiliaries:		
Brantford	\$164 95	
Burlington	65 35	
Clinton	101 84	
Chatham	97 01	
Dundas	112 83	
Gorrie	41 84	
Grove	25 73	
Goderich	68 70	
Hamilton	812 14	
Holmesville	45 00	
Ingersoll	98 00	
Jarvis	76 55	
London, (Queen's Avenue)	384 82	
London, (Dundas Street Centre)	131 41	
Mitchell	157 38	
Oakville	79 46	
Otterville	17 30	
Paris	35 00	
St. Thomas	146 55	
St. Mary's	40 50	
Strathroy	32 00	
St. Catharines	228 00	
St. George	55 60	
Stratford	55 75	
Thorold	91 20	
Niagara Falls South	26 50	
Niagara Falls, Spencerian	19 20	
Fullarton	17 56	
Siloam and Zion	45 89	
Fingal	35 65	
Alma College	50 00	
Rockwood	10 00	
Simcoe	53 93	
Aylmer Mission Band	9 00	
Harriston " "	4 00	
Milton " "	19 50	
Mrs. Phelps' Bible Class, (Mount Pleasant) ..	25 00	
Interest on deposits	8 31	
Collection	27 81	
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Less expenses	\$3,517 26	
	62 40	
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Carried forward		\$9,334 80

RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Amount brought forward		\$9,334 80
Receipts of Central Branch :		
Metropolitan Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$37 16)	\$166 96	
Special for Japan, Mrs. Dr. Aikins	305 00	
" " Mrs. W. Willmott	5 00	
Mission Band	245 00	
		\$721 96
Toronto, Eastern Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$30 20)	\$214 05	
Special for Japan, per Mrs. Blackstock	50 00	
Sherbourne Mission Circle	240 00	
Berkeley Street Busy Bees	50 00	
		554 05
Toronto, Western Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$17 94)		352 04
Elm St. Church Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$6 12)	\$66 27	
Mission Band	186 70	
		252 97
Carlton St. Church Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$41 00)	\$99 10	
Carlton Street Mission Band	94 89	
		193 99
Central Church Auxiliary	63 76	
Brampton Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes, \$6 65)....	150 00	
Bridge Street Church, Belleville	133 87	
Napanee, (Mite Boxes, \$22 85)	100 05	
Uxbridge, (Mite Boxes, \$6 64)	\$94 59	
" Mission Band	5 03	
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Tabernacle Auxiliary, Belleville	\$72 55	
" Mission Band	26 09	
		98 64
Picton Auxiliary	75 00	
Oshawa " (Mite Boxes, \$10 98)	73 00	
Barrie " (Mite Boxes, \$11 59)	61 75	
Bowmanville Auxiliary	60 00	
Lakefield "	69 52	
Streetsville "	63 29	
Orono and Kirby Auxiliary	\$37 87	
" " Mission Band	12 26	
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Newmarket Auxiliary	30 00	
Newcastle "	\$13 63	
" Mission Band	14 46	
		28 09
Smithfield Auxiliary	30 00	
Stirling "	16 63	
Foxboro' "	15 25	
Lindsay " (Mite Boxes, \$1 67)	15 67	
Millbrook "	9 00	
Violet " (Mite Boxes, \$2 53)....	8 53	
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Carried forward	\$3,326 81	\$9,334 80

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Amount brought forward	\$3,326 81	\$9,334 80
Brighton Auxiliary	16 50	
Georgina Island Auxiliary	40 00	
Bath Auxiliary	5 00	
Madoc "	20 85	
Special Donations for Japan, per Mrs. J. Gooderham :		
For Miss Wintemute's Salary	\$250 00	
Estate of the late Mrs. Kells	99 60	
Mr. J. Macdonald	50 00	
M. M., Uxbridge	10 00	
From one who finds it a privilege to remember the hour of prayer.....	2 00	
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A Friend, per Mrs. Briggs.....	2 00	
" of the Woman's Missionary Society	1 00	
" per Mrs. Briggs, for Crosby Home..	2 00	
Amount raised by Tea-meeting.....	117 50	
" " At Home.....	84 00	
Collection at Annual Meeting	12 50	
" Quarterly "	13 50	
Rev. Dr. Eby's Lecture	10 79	
Reports	2 05	
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Less expenses.....	79 11	
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Receipts of Eastern Branch :		
Montreal Auxiliary	\$502 48	
Ottawa "	220 27	
Brockville "	179 15	
Pembroke "	141 64	
*Kingston "	103 04	
Greenwood "	43 50	
Kemptville "	15 44	
Morrisburg "	13 34	
Westmeath "	12 00	
Cornwall "	11 25	
Farmersville "	9 00	
Cobden "	7 75	
Beachburg "	7 00	
Renfrew "	2 00	
Montreal Mission Band	124 00	
Kingston " "	100 63	
Quebec " "	50 00	
Thank-Offering from Perth.....	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,559 49
Less expenses.....	56 23	
	<hr/>	1,503 26
Nova Scotia Branch :		
Halifax South	\$618 00	
Halifax North	458 38	
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Carried forward	\$14,825 05	

* In addition, a donation of \$50 was sent direct by Mrs. Chown, for the education of a girl in the Japan School.

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RECEIPTS.—Continued.

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,076 38	\$14,825 05
Providence Church, Yarmouth.....	154 25	
Wesley Church, Yarmouth.....	97 90	
Windsor.....	80 19	
Horton.....	40 66	
Guysboro'.....	38 10	
Musquodoboit.....	26 25	
Amherst.....	14 91	
Truro.....	10 10	
Canning.....	9 50	
Berwick.....	2 00	
Oxford.....	3 45	
Collection taken at Branch Meeting.....	44 45	
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	\$1,598 14	
Less expenses.....	49 94	
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New Brunswick and P. E. Island :		
Centenary, St. John.....	\$61 42	
Sackville.....	67 29	
St. Stephen.....	100 00	
Charlottetown.....	110 20	
Bedeque.....	54 35	
Cornwall.....	33 90	
Summerside.....	15 24	
Tryon.....	13 00	
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Less expenses.....	5 65	
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Newfoundland :		
St. Johns East Auxiliary.....	231 85	
St. Johns West ".....	61 00	
Winnipeg.....	205 80	
Collection at Annual Meeting.....	10 46	
Offerings, Grimsby Park.....	14 54	
Donation.....	5 00	
Interest on Deposits.....	168 20	
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Total Receipts.....	\$17,519 85	

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Oct. 28.—By Japan :

Miss Cartmell's Salary	\$600 00	
Miss Spencer's Salary	600 00	
Miss Cochran's Salary, nine months.....	450 00	
Miss Maud Cochran's Salary, nine months....	225 00	
Allowance for Miss Cochran's Furniture.....	100 00	
Miss Wintemute's Travelling Expenses	368 25	
Books, Catechisms, Tickets, etc.....	8 80	
Towards new Building	3,000 00	
Enlargement of original Building, and School Expenses	2,146 48	
Balance on hand in Japan	808 52	
		<u>\$8,307 05</u>
French Mission		1,000 00
Crosby Home :		
Salary of Matron	\$400 00	
Support of Eight Girls	400 00	
		<u>800 00</u>
McDougall Orphanage.....		500 00
Delegates' Expenses.....		272 51
Mite-boxes.....		19 70
Printing Leaflets		38 75
Printing Reports, Forms, etc.		152 20
Postage		15 00
Balance, being Cash deposited in the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society Bank		6,414 64
		<u>\$17,519 85</u>

M. E. ROSEBRUGH,
Treasurer.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Entered upon the Work.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	Former Residence.
Dec. 27, '82	Miss Martha J. Cartmell	Jo Gakko, 14 Torii Zaka, Azabu, Tokio, Japan..	
Feb. 26, '85	" Eliza Spencer	" " "	Hamilton, Ont.
Apr. 15, '85	" Maud Cochran (as assistant)..	" " "	Paris, Ont.
Jan., '86...	" Susie Cochran	" " "	Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 24, '86	" S. Aggie Wintemute	" " "	Toronto, Ont.
July 23, '82	" Hendry	Port Simpson, B.C.....	St. Thomas, Ont
	Succeeded in		Brantford, Ont.
Sept. '85...	By Miss Knight.....	" " "	
Sept. '86...	Mademoiselle Vessot....	Actonvale, Que.....	Halifax, N.S.
Sept. '86...	Mademoiselle Bouchard.	Sherbrooke, Que.....	

LEAFLET FUND REPORT, 1885-86.

RECEIPTS.

1885.			
Nov. 22.	—To cash balance on hand.....	\$2 7	
	Donations at Annual Meeting:		
	Mrs. Glass, London	5 00	
	Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge	1 00	
1886.			
Feb. 2.	—To cash Brant Auxiliary	0 50	
	" Smithfield Auxiliary	0 50	
12.	" St. George "	0 50	
13.	" Hamilton "	1 00	
16.	" Belleville "	0 75	
17.	" Goderich "	0 60	
	" Brampton "	0 50	
18.	" Streetsville "	0 50	
19.	" Montreal "	2 25	
23.	" Oakville "	0 50	
March 4.	" Thorold "	0 50	
	" Holmesville "	0 50	
6.	" Bowmanville "	0 50	
11.	" Hamilton " (add.)	0 25	
11.	" Newcastle "	0 55	
13.	" St. Catharines "	0 50	
15.	" London "	0 50	
	" London, Dundas St. Auxiliary.....	1 00	
17.	" Clinton Auxiliary	0 50	
	" Toronto, Carlton St. Church Auxiliary	0 50	
	" Kingston, Pembroke, Brockville and Westmeath Aux- liaries, per Mrs. Williams.....	3 75	
23.	" Ottawa Auxiliary	0 85	
25.	" Simcoe "	0 25	
April 10.	" Toronto, Central Church Auxiliary.....	0 50	
	" Wesley Church, Yarmouth "	0 50	
May 1.	" Winnipeg "	0 50	
13.	" Halifax South (N.S.) "	1 00	
19.	" Horton Landing (N.S.) "	0 50	
June 7.	" Metropolitan Church, Tor. "	1 90	
12.	" Orono and Kirby "	0 85	
30.	" Halifax North (N.S.) "	0 50	
		<u>\$32 79</u>	

EXPENDITURE.

1886.			
March 24.	—By cash paid Methodist Book & Publishing Co., for printing 16,000 leaflets	\$27 00	
	Less discount	0 71	
		<u>\$26 29</u>	
Oct. 19.	—By cash balance on hand	6 50	
		<u>\$32 79</u>	

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AMOUNT RAISED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

1881-1882.....	\$2,916 78
1882-1883.....	4,281 19
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1884-1885.....	7,452 92
1885-1886.....	11,639 91
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REPORT OF CROSBY GIRLS' HOME.

NAMES OF INMATES.	AGES.	TIME IN HOME.
1. Victoria L. Picton	17	Re-entered Nov., '85.
2. Hannah Webster.....	16	7 years.
3. Sarah Williams	14	4 years.
4. Helen Swann	14	2 years.
5. Rebecca Starr	14	6 months.
6. Jessie Davids	12	4 years.
7. Betsy Webster.....	11	2 years.
8. Eliza Lawrence	11	2 months.
9. Priscilla Harris	11	2 months.
10. Lucy Baxter.....	10	5 months.
11. Erie Simcoe	10	4 years.
12. Sarah McDonald.....	9	4 years.
13. Mary Johnson.....	9	2 years.
14. Lillie Barnard	7	2 months.
15. Hannah Webster (2)	6	8 months.
16. Matilda McKay	6	10 months.
17. Nellie McDonald.....	5	2 months.
18. Martha Harris.....	5	2 months.
19. George Blackall	6	2 years.
20. Kitty Norman	} These three have left during the year.	
21. Susan Brown		
22. Jennie Mulhall		

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1ST TO SEPT. 22ND, 1886.

Balance from last year.....	\$79 92
Jan. 15th, from W. M. S., per Mrs. Rosebrugh	400 00
July, W. M. S., per Mrs. Rosebrugh	400 00
From other sources.....	294 50
	\$1174 42

EXPENDITURE.

Miss Knight's salary.....	\$400 00
Housekeeping and clothing.....	713 76
Balance on hand.....	60 66
	\$1174 42

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REPORT OF McDougall Orphanage.

The McDougall Orphanage and Training Institution is now three years old. Miss Baker acted as Matron for two years and six months, and very efficiently performed the duties of her station. She has gone over into British Columbia, in another department of mission work. In the meantime we secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Youmans, who had been engaged for six years in teaching in one of our missions in the North, and they came to our Institution with experience gained in similar work. Mrs. Youmans takes special charge of the domestic part of the Home, and of the girls, and Mr. Youmans of the general outdoor work, and of the boys. Thus our Institution is in better running trim than ever heretofore. Our number at present is twenty-one—eleven girls and ten boys—ranging in ages from seven to fifteen years. The girls are kept busy in school and domestic work in the Home, and are making great progress in their pursuits. The boys are employed in the garden, and in the cutting of wood and hauling of water, and improving the property belonging to the Institution by fencing, etc., as also looking after stock, herding and milking the same.

The Government has now secured to us the land which was promised years ago, and about which we have had some trouble and anxiety, but which is now satisfactorily settled by the prompt attention of the Hon. Thomas White, the Minister of Interior, and also the kind assistance of William Pearce, Esq., of the Dominion Lands Board. Upon this property of nearly 1,200 acres we have already spent about \$2,000 in fencing. More than one-half of this claim is surrounded by a first-class post and wire fence, and we have taken over a herd of cattle—mostly cows—on shares, one-third of the increase to go to the Orphanage for the care bestowed upon them by the Institution. This will in a few years give us a nice start in stock for both dairy and meat purposes.

During the past year our children have moved forward in Christianity, civilization and education. Their progress has exceeded our fondest hopes, and as a life-long worker in this line, I feel that nothing in my experience has paid thus far nearly so well as our Home, proportionate to time and effort spent upon it. Our present need is winter clothing, boots and shoes, blankets and quilts. By far our largest source of revenue for the last year was the grant from your Society. This year the Government promises us a subsidy of \$700, and yet our liabilities are many. Our hope is to obtain the erection of permanent buildings on the lands belonging to the Institution, and this we will work for being done as quickly as possible. We hope the Government will help us in this matter, but our main dependence is in those organizations of our Church which have been raised up by the grace of God to do a grand work for His glory, which is the salvation of man, both soul and body.

Trusting for your renewed confidence in our humble efforts along this line.

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PORT SIMPSON, B.C., September 22nd, 1886.

The work of the Home has been going on satisfactorily during the year, and as I look back I see much cause for thankfulness,—the Lord has been with us and has blessed our efforts. I feel especially thankful that the children have had good health, no sickness of a serious nature having occurred since I came. We have at present nineteen children with us, many of whom are quite young. This summer five have been admitted, or I may say six since May. One, whose name you will notice in the list as Lucy Baxter, was brought to us by her aunt; she is an orphan and no one to care for her; had been much neglected, as was most apparent from her neglected appearance. We hope to have her with us long enough to teach her such things as will make her a useful and industrious woman. There were two other children brought in from the village. Tillie Barnard, whose mother was desirous of having the child cared for by us, we shall probably not have long with us, as her father is well able to support her. Nelly McDonald is the daughter of a chief who died a year or two ago; the mother is poor and unable to properly support the child. Nelly is an interesting little girl, very quiet but learns quickly, and already understands much of what I say to her in English. Mr. Crosby brought three children from Nanaimo, the eldest of whom is a young half-breed girl whose father was anxious that she should have the training and care which the Home affords; her name is Eliza Laurence. The other two, Priscilla and Martha Harris, are also half-breeds; their father is dead, the mother a poor Indian woman thoroughly degraded by drink, who constantly employed her children in carrying the liquor for her. They lived in a wretched hovel, and were terribly neglected; my heart ached over them when I first saw them. All the girls are bright and interesting; some are neater and quicker than others, but all are easily managed and willing to learn. We keep them busy all the time, as they get lonely and discontented very quickly if idle; certain hours are set apart for work and recreation, but they often employ their play-time over some fancy work or doll, as they do not seem so fond of romping as our little white children. Such a large household makes a good deal of work, which keeps the elder ones busy, though the younger ones all do their share and are being trained to take the place of the older ones by and by. Through the coming winter I propose teaching them different kinds of fancy work, as they take a special delight in this. The chief hindrance to my doing this is lack of material. If some of the friends who are interested in our girls would help us in this it would be fully appreciated, and, I am sure, would benefit the girls.

As to spiritual results, I cannot say we see all we desire; it would not be a difficult thing for them to make a profession, but the older girls understand that something more is needed. We are hopeful of them and constantly endeavor to sow seed that may bring forth fruit for eternity. They are taught that they are to be all for Jesus, that not one must be missing from among His jewels, and are earnestly entreated to open their hearts to Jesus that He may become their Saviour and King. Those who understand English sufficiently well take a great interest in Bible stories, and listen with the deepest attention while I relate them. They often ask me curious questions, such as, "Why did God make black men?" "How did white men get their skin white?" "I thought God didn't make Indians, He only made white people." "Where do the stars come from, can you count them?" "Did you ever go to the country where Jesus lived?" "Were

you on earth when Jesus came?" On receiving a negative to the last question, the questioner continued, in a surprised tone, "Well, Mr. Crosby was, wasn't he?" They take pleasure in learning Scripture texts, and are getting their memories stored with precious truths from the Word which cannot fail to bring some lasting good to them. Our heartfelt longing for the girls of the Home is that they may be led to give themselves so fully to Jesus that they may go out from us to shine as lights for Him among their people. Much wisdom and patience are needed for this work, for it brings with it much responsibility. The daily training and teaching of the Home, although it takes so much time, is not the most important part, for that will only benefit them in this life; I want to train these children who are committed to my trust that they may be a glory to the Master in the Kingdom above. God has been very gracious to us through the past year, and if any good has been accomplished, to Him we give all the glory.

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REPORT OF THE FRENCH WORK.

In reviewing the work done by the Woman's Missionary Society among the French during the year, we have cause for gratitude to our Divine Master, who has blessed us not only with some degree of success, but even more in our own hearts and lives, for "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Our chief duty has been to establish a mission school for French girls. At the beginning of the year this was only a project, and for some weeks after the annual meeting the preparations for it were delayed by the prevalence of small-pox in the city. However, in October last the school was opened and dedicated by a special meeting for prayer.

At the end of the school year, in April, we had as many boarders as the house would hold, for it was only a tenement of eight rooms, and the pupils were obliged to attend school in the basement of the French Methodist Church close by. We had reason to be satisfied that there was great improvement in the mental and spiritual standing of the pupils, and closed the school hoping that the fruit of the year's training and prayer may be found after many days.

It seemed, however, highly desirable that a larger house should be procured, with a piece of ground, if possible; and during the spring a diligent search and inquiry were made for a suitable building. On account, however, of the extremely high rents asked, no desirable place had been decided upon, when in June we were induced to consider the mission premises at Acton, fifty-five miles from Montreal. This house, though occupied in part by the missionary, is also the preaching place of the village, having a large room for the purpose, which we shall use as a school-room. It seemed, therefore, just what we had wished and prayed for, having, besides ample accommodation within, a good piece of ground attached. The house is well built of brick.

Having secured the consent of the Missionary Committee to our use of the premises, and having the approval of our own Central Board, we are proceeding to open the Mission School for French girls at Acton, on Oct. 1st prox.

After a good deal of inquiry and correspondence, a teacher has been decided upon in the person of Mlle. Lucile Vessot, of whom we have very favorable recommendations.

The home life of the pupils will be cared for by Mme. de Gruchy, the wife of the resident minister. She has the advantage of having had some years' training in a similar institution of the Baptists. The teacher also will reside in the house.

We have already decided favorably on eighteen applications from pupils, and others are known to be coming, so that we do not doubt the school will be full. Nearly all the applicants have been Romanists.

The employment of a Bible-woman was also part of our scheme for the year, but we found no suitable person to take the position. It is intended to employ such help, when a good Bible-woman is found.

We earnestly beg to commend our work to the prayer-circles of the Woman's Missionary Society. To us has been committed the management of this part of the field, and we are trying to be faithful even in that which is least; but success comes not from carefulness or hard work, independently of Divine approval and blessing. Remember us in our daily need of supernatural wisdom and grace, for

"Except the Lord conduct the plan
The best-concerted schemes are vain,
And never can succeed."

L. SHAW.

Corresponding Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF THE JAPAN WORK.

When school closed on the 8th of July, 1886, there had been enrolled since its opening, in October of 1884, one hundred and fifty-three students, of which number one hundred and fifteen were in regular attendance at our closing time, the other thirty-eight having left for various reasons.

Our staff consisted of the missionary ladies, three Japanese lady teachers, one teacher of Chinese, our interpreter, who also taught translation; a sewing teacher, an assistant for the little ones, and a matron.

The death angel has not once paused over our school, and not one has been called away to the other world; in this we rejoice, but more greatly rejoice in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit has come to dwell in many of our students' hearts. Two of our teachers have professed Christ and been baptized, another is earnestly looking for the light. We have, I think, fifteen baptized students, the daily walk of many of whom is a "march nearer home." We watch them, and can detect the Christian growth. Three or four are engaged in Sunday-school work, one going with Miss Maud Cochran to Ushigome Church, where she has gathered around her a class of some sixteen little girls. There are nine who wish baptism, some are on trial, and others are waiting and praying that their parents' hearts may be inclined to consent to their daughters' baptism, which they have as yet refused.

A daily Bible-class is conducted by Mr. Kobayashi, which all are obliged to attend; then we have our weekly class-meeting on Tuesday, from four to five, to which all who desire to be present come—it is not compulsory.

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Here we have many witnesses for Christ, and usually one or two have questions to ask, which are answered by Mr. Kobayashi when he is present. In the past our Sunday services have been : preaching in the school at nine a.m., Sunday-school at half-past two, and the service in the church at seven in the evening. Of course all our boarders were compelled to be present at all of them, the daily students could do as they chose ; there was usually a large number of them present, but we felt that more still must be done, and our services for the coming year are to be : Sunday-school from 8.45 to 9.45, preaching at ten o'clock ; and in our calendars we state that *all* students are required to be present between eight and eleven. The girls have among themselves a prayer-meeting on Sunday afternoon, and at it they read the new translation of the " Pilgrim's Progress," then after tea we have had English singing for half an hour for those who wished. You will see the day is a full one, and could you but spend one with us in the school you would see that it is the happiest of the seven. During the vacation many of our students have been attending church regularly. Our girls are making good progress in their singing ; they can carry a tune through from first to last without a mistake, and there is always some voice to be heard in song, sweet and clear. In English, too, they are doing well.

The book bill (\$103.17 Mexican) is large ; it includes some rather expensive books for the study of Japanese and a dictionary for the school use. There is a " Reading Circle " in Japan after the same plan as that of Chautauqua. At the beginning of the year I talked with the girls, and many joined the Society ; they had their hour for reading twice a week. The books for them were many and somewhat expensive ; they could not buy them, so we decided it was right and best for us to get them. Of course they will go towards the library that we hope to have and really need now, as our girls are becoming more interested in their studies. We want English books, easy and interesting at first, and with good religious teaching in them. We have a great desire to make our library a pretty and attractive room, with plenty to attract. I have been wondering if a publishing house could furnish us with the *Girl's Own Paper* free of cost. Again, could not our girls at home be interested in this matter and asked to send us some of their English books which they have read and are standing idle on the shelves ; they could send them as their own donations, having the name of the giver in the front. It seems to me that even the youngest could be interested in this, for we want the pretty picture books that our tiny tots have so many of at home ; and I feel that if our missionary work is to go on and prosper, the youngest must be taught that they, too, have a work to do, and that in this work there is pleasure even for them. Again, in this book fee there are a good many required by the Japanese teachers in their school work, and we cannot, with the salaries they get, require them to provide their own text-books.

You will see I have entered the pianos as regular furniture, and we have appropriated all money received from music lessons towards the payment of the same (for if we had not had our pianos none but our supported girls could have been taught). Before Christmas our music lesson fees alone will pay the remaining debt on them, and leave a balance on hand. We still want one more piano, for we had many asking whom we were forced to refuse for want of practice time ; we have talked of another when what we have are paid for, to be paid in the same way. The new one we bought is a beautiful, sweet-toned instrument.

There has been received during the year from fees, etc. (native sources), \$1,949.42 Mexican.

I fear often lest our expenditures will bring the Executive Committee into trouble, and bring our work here into disfavor, but in all these times of trouble the watch-word seems to be "onward." We trust and pray that those at home who are working in this great cause may be led on to still greater things, and that great blessings may come to all our hearts as we see or hear of souls being saved through the work of the Ladies' Missionary Society here. (Signed)

ELIZA SPENCER.

RECEIPTS (in Mexican Currency.)

Received from the General Treasurer (\$7,500)	\$9,305 22
Received by Miss Spencer :	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	63 97
From Mrs. Chown, Kingston, (\$50)	59 68
From Sackville Auxiliary	9 87
Entrance and tuition fees	907 16
Boarding and bath fees	789 89
Use of pianos	148 43
For books	22 53
For wools	38 95
For medicines	23 49
For evangelistic work	30 00
Mrs. Sakakura	1 00
For photos	4 00
	\$11,354 19

EXPENDITURE (in Mexican Currency).

Educational :	
Teachers and servants	\$1,219 99
Books for school and teachers	103 17
School furnishings	204 31
Advertising	55 13
Christmas and midsummer closing expenses	22 23
Pianos	275 00
Wools	41 09
S. S. cards and papers	13 91
Repairs	147 33
Enlargement of first building	1,230 78
Towards new building (\$3,000 gold)	3,756 12
Students' boarding-house expenses :	
Students' board	796 43
Light, fuel and taxes	79 76
Medicines	41 73
Postage, stationery and photos	21 60
Registration	10 00
Jinrikishas	64 72
Sundries	50 16
Evangelistic work :	
Bible-women	143 67
Salaries	1,980 76
Balance on hand in Japan	1,096 30
	\$11,354 19

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Miss Winnifred
" Annie E.
" Marion M.
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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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ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH."

ART. II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to engage the efforts of Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women and children; to aid in sustaining female missionaries and teachers, or other special laborers in connection with mission work, in foreign and home fields; and to raise funds for the work of the Society.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually, either at one time or in instalments, shall constitute membership, and \$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 Board of Managers, co-ordinate branches, and auxiliary societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ART. V.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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

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

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.

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

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

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. VI.—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-third vote of each branch delegation, notice of such amendment having been given to each branch before its annual meeting; but Art. VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall be required to furnish in her report, in schedule form, to the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, the following items:—

List of Auxiliaries.	Number of Mission Bands.
Number of Auxiliaries previous year.	Number of Mission Band Members.
Number of Auxiliaries present year.	Total Number of Members.
Increase. Decrease.	Number of Public Meetings.
Number of Life Members previous year.	Number of Monthly Meetings.
Number of Life Members present year.	Average Attendance Monthly Meetings.
Increase. Decrease.	Total Number of Meetings.
Also a list of Life Members and Annual Members, and the report of the Branch Treasurer.	

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

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

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ART. I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE _____ AUXILIARY TO THE _____ BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH 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, 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.

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4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the branch the number of members, the amount sent to the Branch Treasurer for the quarter, and any other items indicating the state of the Society. She shall, in connection with the Recording Secretary, prepare the Annual Report.

5. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and keep an account of all money given to the auxiliary, and shall transmit the same quarterly to the Branch Treasurer, not later than the 20th of the month.

6. Meetings of the society for prayer and business shall be held _____ of each month. Once a quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the society.

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

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

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

10. At the annual meeting of each auxiliary in September, delegates to the Branch Annual Meeting shall be elected in the proportion of one for every auxiliary numbering twenty-five or under, and two for every auxiliary numbering fifty or more.

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.

MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young people, banded together to aid the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, shall be called a Mission Band auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the church in which it is found, or to the branch in whose territory it is.
2. Any one may become a member of the mission band by the annual payment of twenty-five cents.
3. The officers of a band shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.
4. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all stated meetings, and to have a general oversight of the work of the band.
5. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the band, and make an annual report to the Missionary Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the branch in whose bounds it is.
6. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the auxiliary or the branch in which the Band is formed.
7. Each mission band must select an appropriate name not already in use, and report the same to the society to which its money is sent.
8. Any mission band numbering forty members or over shall be entitled to one representative at the branch annual meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the branch, or election to the Board of Managers, except she be a member of an auxiliary.