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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(Condensed.)

At the regular meetings of the Executive, letters and reports from all the mission fields were read, and a general oversight taken of the needs of the various missions.

CHINA.

In January, Dr. Maud Killam, of Yarmouth, N.S., was accepted and appointed to go to China as a medical missionary. She and Miss Lottie Brooks, of Hastings, Ont., who had been appointed to China at the last Board meeting, sailed for that country on the 13th of February.

They were fortunate in having the company of Dr. Hart, Superintendent of the missions of the General Society in China, who, with his family, was returning to his field of labor after a furlough.

An extra appropriation of \$400.00 was made to put the Chentu hospital in thorough working order.

It was decided that all business of the Woman's Missionary Society should be conducted on the premises of the Society.

Dr. Retta Kilborn had been attending the hospital and dispensary of the Woman's Missionary Society, but owing to the new hospital being a considerable distance from the premises of the General Society, where her home is, she found it inconvenient to give the necessary time and tendered her resignation. She was requested to defer it until the Board meeting, and in the meantime to give Dr. Maud Killam the benefit of her valuable assistance and advice, which she kindly consented to do.

The fate of female infants, who are sometimes thrown in the gutter to die, appealed strongly to the sympathy of our missionaries, and though no provision has been made by the Society for their support, two of them were rescued and cared for by our ladies there, with the hope of being able to train them as Christian workers among their own people. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn volunteered to be responsible for one of them until it is sixteen years of age; Miss Ford adopted the other, and before her death, made provision for its support. On May 19th, the cablegram reached us with the sad news of her death.

It was decided that the salaries of missionaries should commence after reaching their final destination, the Society to be responsible for travelling and incidental expenses until that time.

Funds for China are to be sent by drafts on Hankow.

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JAPAN.

The different mission stations in Japan have had a successful year, very little requiring any action by the Executive. The buildings in Tokyo being in need of improvement and repair, it was recommended that only the absolutely necessary repairs be made, with a view to rebuilding in the course of two or three years.

In January an application was received from Miss Ida A. Sifton, of Strathroy, Ont., and in April from Miss Edith Washington, of Minesing. The testimonials of both these ladies were very satisfactory, and after the necessary preparation they were appointed to Japan, and sailed for their field of labor in August in the company of Miss Robertson who was returning after her year of furlough.

In May, Miss Hattie J. Jost, of Sydney, Cape Breton, also applied for missionary work in Japan. She was accepted and requested to come to the Deaconess Home and Training School in September.

CHINESE GIRLS' HOME.

The amount of \$275.00 was appropriated to meet an account for sewer connections, as ordered by the Board, which had been paid out of the appropriation for maintenance.

Arrangements were made for Miss Morgan to study the Chinese language. Miss Churchill was appointed teacher in the day school for Chinese children, and Miss Morgan left free to give her time to evangelistic work. Miss Bowes was granted leave of absence during July and August.

INDIAN.

The Easter thankoffering was asked for the extension of the Indian work.

In April, Miss Lawrence returned to Port Simpson to resume her position as assistant nurse in the hospital. Miss Spence came home on furlough in August, Miss Stevenson, an assistant nurse, taking the place of head nurse in her absence.

The question of a separate Supply Committee for the North-West was considered but was thought inadvisable, as the goods contributed by that Branch would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the people there, and confusion would be caused if two committees sent boxes to the same district. It was decided that there should be a Secretary of Supplies for the North-West, whose duty it should be to correspond with their Auxiliaries and with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Supply Committee.

Early in the year Miss Lavinia Clarke went to the Crosby Girls' Home to take the place formerly occupied by Miss Beavis.

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In January a letter from the General Society was received saying that it had been decided to await further correspondence with Japan before taking action in the case of Mrs. Large.

A resolution was adopted requesting that a decision be given as soon as possible, and the question removed from its unsettled condition.

Mrs. Large was asked to help in the Literature Department of the Society at Room 20, until a definite decision was reached.

At the April meeting of the Executive the following resolution was received from Dr. Sutherland, Secretary of the General Society :

"Whereas a resolution has been received from the Executive of the W. M. S. strongly urging that Mrs. Large should return to Japan and asking the concurrence of the Executive in that proposal, and, whereas it was most desirable that the question should be settled without further delay : Resolved, that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable that Mrs. Large be sent back to Japan."

In reply it was resolved : "That we, the members of the Executive Committee of the W. M. S., desire to express regret that the Executive of the General Missionary Society has not seen its way clear to accede to the request of the Board of the W. M. S. in reference to the return of Mrs. Large to Japan, but we believe that the members of that Executive were actuated by what they considered to be the best interests of the Japanese work in general. We recognize that we have, under the circumstances, no constitutional power to take further action in the matter."

The following letter was received from Mrs. Large :

"TORONTO, May 22nd, 1897.

"DEAR MRS. STRACHAN :

"In view of the recent final decision of the executives of the two Mission Boards *re* myself, and also in view of the assurance I have of my divine call to the work in Japan, you will not be surprised to learn that it is my intention to return in the near future to resume my work there independent of any society.

"I am *forced* to take this position. I do it under protest, but realizing my *duty* and hearing my Father's voice saying, 'Behold I have set before you an open door,' I dare not do otherwise.

"Though I shall no longer be your representative on the field we are still members of the same Church and fellow-workers together with one Head, and as such I ask an interest in your prayers that God will guide and abundantly bless my labors for Him.

"I remain, yours sincerely,

"(Signed), ELIZA SPENCER LARGE."

It was recommended that provision be made for representing the work of the W. M. S. at Epworth League Conventions.

At the April meeting an address on the value of a training school was given by Miss Scott, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home and Training School. Committees were appointed to revise Questions to Missionary Candidates and Requirements for Missionary Candidates, to prepare an Order of Procedure for the Board meeting, and to suggest improvements in Annual Report.

In April, Mrs. Thompson, Treasurer of the Society, sent in her resignation on account of her absence from the country. It was accepted with regret and Miss Marcella Wilkes appointed in her place.

On the 8th of June, Mrs. James Gooderham, President of the Society, tendered her resignation.

The resignation was accepted and it was decided to leave the office vacant until the Board meeting.

Mrs. Gooderham announced her intention to accompany Mrs. Large to Japan as a moral support.

An invitation to hold the Board meeting in Whitby was accepted with pleasure.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in the Tabernacle, Whitby, commencing on Tuesday evening, October 26th, and continuing in session the three following days.

Mrs. Carman presided, and was assisted in the opening devotional exercises by Mrs. McKay.

The roll was called, the following ladies responding to their names :

Vice-President, Mrs. Carman, Toronto. ✓

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kerr, Toronto. ✓

Field Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, Hamilton. ✓

Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McKay, Alliston. ✓

Treasurer, Miss Wilkes, Toronto. ✓

Editor *Outlook*, Mrs. Wright, London. ✓

Secretary-Treasurer of Literary Department, Miss Ogden, Toronto. ✓

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Kincardine. Delegates—Mrs. McMechan, London; Mrs. Evans, London; Mrs. Fowler, London; Mrs. Harrison, Granton.

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TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Willmott, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Briggs, Toronto. Delegates—Mrs. Powell, Toronto; Mrs. Langford, Orangeville; Mrs. Locke, Eglinton; Mrs. Ogden, Toronto.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Platt, Picton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Grange, Napanee. Delegates—Mrs. Wilson, Tweed; Mrs. Campbell, Hastings; Mrs. Kendry, Peterboro'; Mrs. Gibson, Napanee; Mrs. Copland, Deseronto.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Ross, Montreal; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Williams, Sherbrooke. Delegates—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall; Mrs. Sparks, Kingston; Mrs. Hughes, Perth.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Chipman, St. Stephen; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Palmer, St. John. Delegates—Mrs. Brecken, Sackville; Miss Smith, St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Whiston, Halifax; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Smith, Halifax. Delegates—Mrs. Strothard, Bridgetown; Miss Braine, Halifax.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST BRANCH.—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carcary, Winnipeg. Delegate—Mrs. Dolsen, Winnipeg.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Betts, Victoria.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES—Miss Veazey, Japan; Miss Spence, Port Simpson; Miss Cartmell, Hamilton.

The returned missionaries present were introduced and accorded the usual privileges of the Convention, the same courtesy being extended to Mrs. Gordon Grant, of Victoria, B.C.

The Field Corresponding Secretary, Home Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer presented their annual reports. The annual membership is now 14,229—increase, 322; life-members, 842—increase, 58; Mission Band members, 6,476; total receipts, \$39,016.22—increase, \$1,354.36,

Mrs. Briggs presented the report of the Supply Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee, comprising the full text of the interim minutes, was read and adopted.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries presented reports from their respective Branches, the Home Corresponding Secretary reporting for the separate Auxiliaries of Newfoundland.

The official letters from Japan were read, and the financial reports adopted. It was decided not to publish the financial reports of China and Japan, as they are in foreign currency. The action of our missionaries in opening work in Nagano was heartily approved. A list of articles necessary for outgoing missionaries (as given by Miss Blackmore) was referred to the Literature Committee to be typewritten and kept at Room 20 for the use of the Corresponding Secretaries.

The second and succeeding term of service for missionaries in China and Japan was fixed at seven years.

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referred to the Board by the Japan Council, it was decided to send a copy of Roberts' Rules of Order to govern the proceedings.

Letters from the Official Correspondents in China were read and adopted, also the financial report.

The number of outcast baby girls was referred to, and the inability of our workers to cope with the evil.

It was resolved to start a small orphanage in Chentu, to be called "The Jennie Ford Home," the Mission Bands to be asked to contribute an Easter thank-offering towards establishing it.

No action was taken on Dr. Retta Kilborn's resignation as she will be leaving, with her husband, on furlough the first of the year. The Corresponding Secretary was asked to write expressing the Board's appreciation of her services to the W. M. S.

A letter of sympathy is also to be written to the friends of Miss Ford. Another medical missionary and a nurse are needed in China, and will be sent as soon as available.

Reports from other mission fields were read and adopted.

The thanks of the Board were tendered to Messrs. Ross & Hall, who have supplied the Chinese Girls' Home with rice since its inception, and to Dr. Ernest Hall for medical attendance.

Miss Churchill was placed upon our list of missionaries and appointed to the charge of the school for Chinese children meeting in the Home, but at present she is granted permission to teach in the night school for Chinese boys under the auspices of the General Board, any remuneration received therefrom to be paid into the funds of the W. M. S.

In reference to a communication from the Dominion W. C. T. U., headed "Slavery in Canada," it was decided to co-operate with the W. C. T. U. in petitioning the Dominion Government to prohibit traffic in Chinese girls.

It was also resolved to respectfully urge the General Board to appoint a missionary in British Columbia conversant with the English language, manners and customs, as well as with the Chinese.

The report of the Literature and Publication Committee was adopted. Branch depots for literature have been established at Sackville, N.B., and Winnipeg, Man. It was resolved that 3,500 annual reports be printed this year.

The editor of the *Outlook* presented her annual report. The sum of one hundred dollars was ordered to be placed to the credit of the editor for postage, exchanges and other expenses connected with editing the paper.

It was resolved to request the authorities of the Mission Rooms to publish the *Outlook* so that it may reach subscribers on the first day of the month.

Miss Smith, editor of *Palm Branch*, presented her annual report. It was resolved that \$60.00 be appropriated towards the expense of publishing *Palm Branch*.

The Committee on Japanese Industrial Work reported : To receipts from sale of embroideries, \$196.91 ; By embroidery silk, \$3.70, postage, \$1.15—\$4.85 ; paid to General Treasurer, \$192.06.

The Candidate Committee recommended :

That Miss Hattie J. Jost be sent to Japan, to arrive there by Christmas.

That Miss Jennie Brown be sent to China as soon as circumstances permit.

That a candidate from the Toronto Conference Branch be accepted, her appointment to be left to the Executive.

That an applicant from the Hamilton Conference Branch be placed on our list of candidates, her final acceptance to be considered as the close of her medical course.

That the testimonials of a candidate from the Bay of Quinte Branch be approved by the Board, but as she is under the required age, that she be requested to wait until next Board meeting for final acceptance.

This report was adopted.

The Committee on Indian Affairs recommended :

That the amount of \$500.00 appropriated last year to Bella Bella, be allowed to stand until definite plans are reached.

That \$500.00 be appropriated towards starting a small home for Indian children on the Upper Skeena, provided this does not interfere with the plans of the General Society.

That \$700.00 be appropriated to Mr. Raley's home at Kit-a-maat.

That \$300.00 be appropriated towards refurnishing the McDougall Orphanage.

That \$300.00 be granted to assist Rev. Mr. Glass in his Home for Indian Girls at White Fish Lake, Alberta.

That the Dominion Government be petitioned (through the General Society) to erect a properly equipped hospital at Norway House, the W.M.S. agreeing to support a trained nurse in the same.

That the General Board be asked to petition the Government to establish boarding schools in British Columbia at such places as they have been asked for by the B. C. Conference, and also at White Fish Lake.

The Memorial Committee reported on proposed amendments to the Constitution which had been before the Branches for discussion :

That Branches be represented by the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates only. Not carried.

That Branches be represented by the President, Corresponding Secretary and one delegate. Not carried.

That Branches with income of less than \$2,000.00 be represented by President or one delegate only. Not carried.

That Mission Band Constitution be amended to provide for a 25-cent member's fee for Circles, and 10-cent for Band or Junior members. Carried.

That Auxiliary Constitution be amended to provide for associate members. Not carried, as it was considered that the Scattered Helpers' scheme made the necessary provision.

That a paper be started entirely devoted to the work of the W.M.S. Not carried.

It was resolved "That a committee be appointed to confer with the publishers of the *Outlook*, with a view to enlarging the *Outlook*, obtaining more space for the W.M.S., and securing, if possible, a financial interest in the official organ of the two Missionary Societies of the Church."

Other memorials considered were :

That after returned missionaries have taken the usual rest, they may be sent to different centres where they would be available for small town and country auxiliaries. Not carried.

That an edition of missionary songs, words only, be published. Not carried.

It was resolved that a number of the best hymns be printed, with numbers, on cards, at a very small expense, to take the place of the small books asked for.

That Mission Bands be urged to maintain their identity. Carried.

That a pledge be prepared for Circles and Bands similar to that used by the Epworth Leagues. Not carried.

That the Branch Literature depots be furnished with complete supplies, ten dollars each being granted for that purpose. Carried.

That pledges be adopted for systematic giving. Not entertained.

That Advisory Committees have power to employ, if necessary, available help near at hand for three months or until the Executive can be communicated with. Carried.

That the usual furlough be granted our agents on the Indian field. When our agents employed in Indian Homes prefer a yearly holiday, it may take the place of the usual furlough. Carried.

That annual report schedules be changed so that the upper half of column headed "Remarks" be headed "Expenses" and under it be lines and spaces for the following items: Officers' accounts, Officers' books and Delegates' expenses. Carried.

That Branch Corresponding Secretaries bring before the Epworth League Convention each year, through the District Organizers, the claims of the W.M.S. Carried.

That the furlough salaries of Indian missionaries be made the same as those from foreign fields. Resolved that \$250.00 be the uniform furlough salary.

The changes in the Constitution (published in September *Outlook*) were left till next year, in order that they may be considered by the Manitoba and British Columbia Branches.

The following resolution from the General Board of Missions was received :

"In view of important matters affecting our two Societies that will probably require attention at the ensuing General Conference, it is ordered that the Executive of this Board have authority to confer with the Board or Executive of the W. M. S., or any committee they may respectively appoint, concerning all matters of common interest to the two Societies, with a view to their presentation to the General Conference."

A resolution was adopted concurring in the above, and giving the Executive of the W. M. S. the power to act, or to appoint a sub-committee, for the proposed consultation, the same committee to act on resolution *re Outlook*.

It was resolved, That the next Easter thank-offering be for China.

That the resolution passed at the Board meeting of '95, discountenancing entertainments which have a dramatic tendency, be permanently inserted in the Annual Report.

That when the death of a missionary occurs on the field, three months' salary be paid to meet expenses.

That Miss Spence be allowed to attend medical lectures for six months instead of speaking for Auxiliaries.

That Miss Veazey's engagements to speak be arranged for her by the Field Corresponding Secretary.

That \$500.00 be granted to the Newfoundland Orphanage at the discretion of the Executive.

That it shall be the duty of Branch Corresponding Secretaries to arrange for the expenses of candidates from their respective Branches while in attendance at the Training School in Toronto.

That the Nova Scotia Branch be authorized to correspond with the separate Auxiliaries of Newfoundland with a view to affiliation.

That the theological examination of candidates be arranged for by the members of the Executive Committee in Toronto.

That the total Branch expenditure alone be printed in the Annual Report.

That the Corresponding Secretary's statistical report be formed as instructed in By-law 1, page 160.

That the Publication Committee be asked to have the date on quarter cards and schedules for Manitoba and British Columbia Branches changed to suit these branches.

That every by-law and resolution that governs our Board, Branches, Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, Committees or Agents, be each year revised to date by the Committee on Annual Report, and printed in every year's report, and that this resolution be placed at the head of the revised by-laws and resolutions, as a reminder of this yearly duty.

Notice of motion was given that Section 1. Art. V. of Constitution be changed to read "one to every thousand members," instead of "one to every six hundred."

That the names of Auxiliary members be omitted from the Annual Report.

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That Branches hereafter have only two Vice-Presidents.
The election of officers resulted as follows :

<i>President</i>	- -	Mrs. W. E. Ross, 76 Shuter St., Montreal.
<i>Vice-President</i>	- -	Mrs. A. Carman, 53 St. Vincent St., Toronto.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- -	Mrs. George Kerr, 42 Charles St., Toronto.
<i>Field Cor. Sec.</i>	- -	Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson St., N., Hamilton.
<i>Home Cor. Sec.</i>	- -	Mrs. G. P. McKay, Alliston, Ont.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- -	Miss M. Wilkes, 84 Gloucester St., Toronto.

It was resolved that Mr. W. A. Douglas be asked to act as auditor.

Editors of W. M. S. departments : *Outlook*, Mrs. Gordon Wright, 133 Elmwood Ave., London ; *Guardian*, Miss Cartmell, 163 Hughson St. N., Hamilton ; *Wesleyan*, Mrs. Whiston, 297 Brunswick St., Halifax ; *Onward*, Miss F. E. W. Withrow, Jarvis St., Toronto ; *Palm Branch*, Miss S. E. Smith, 282 Princess St., St. John, N.B.

The following committees were appointed :

Literature and Publication : Mesdames Bascom, Sills, Croft, Culbert ; Misses MacCallum, Firstbrook and Ogden, Miss Ogden being appointed Sec.-Treas. of the Committee.

Supply—Mesdames Briggs, U. Ogden and Maclaren.

Indian Affairs—Mesdames Burns and Cunningham for Ontario ; Mesdames Dolsen and Carcary for Manitoba ; Mesdames Betts and Crosby for British Columbia.

Coqualeetza Committee—Mesdames Ross, Burns, Briggs, Willmott, Strachan and Carman.

Advisory Committee for Coqualeetza—Mesdames Wells and Ashwell.

Advisory Committee for Chinese Home—Mesdames Spencer, Pengrave, Burkholder, Chapman and Betts.

Advisory Committee for Crosby Home—Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Dr. and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Richards and the Matron.

Japanese Industrial Committee—Mrs. J. J. Maclaren, 88 Wellesley Street, Toronto ; Mrs. George Kerr, Mrs. C. D. Massey, Mrs. W. H. B. Aikins.

Annual Report Committee—Mesdames Briggs, Carman, Strachan, Kerr and Miss Wilkes.

Treasurers in the mission fields were appointed :

Japan—Miss Blackmore.

China—Miss Brackbill.

Crosby Home—Mrs. Redner (Miss Clarke to succeed her).

Chinese Home—Miss Bowes.

French Work—Mrs. Armstrong.

A cordial invitation was presented from Kingston to hold the next Board Meeting in that city, and unanimously accepted.

A resolution of appreciation of the services of Mrs. Gooderham as President of the Society for fifteen years, was carried by a standing vote; also a kind resolution to Mrs. Large, assuring her of our prayers; and one to Mrs. Carman, recognizing the ability with which she had filled the vacancy caused by the resignation of the President.

A letter was ordered to be written to Mrs. Torrance, the retiring Treasurer of the French Work, thanking her for her years of service.

The Courtesy Committee submitted a letter of greeting to our missionaries at home and abroad; resolutions of thanks to Mrs. Gordon Wright, Miss Smith and Miss Ogden; to Rev. Dr. McDiarmid, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. Clarke, for their helpful presence during the sessions; to the trustees for the use of the church; to the organist and choir; to our sister societies; to the press; to the editor of the *Guardian*; to Dr. Hare and staff of the Ontario Ladies' College; to the ladies of the entertaining Auxiliary; and to the kind hosts and hostesses of Whitby. The report was adopted by a standing vote.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Ross conducted a testimony meeting. A memorial sketch of the life of Miss Ford was given by Mrs. Strachan, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Mr. Clarke.

The reception on Wednesday evening by Dr. Hare and staff of the Ladies' College was unique in character and heartily enjoyed by all the members of the Board.

At the public meeting that evening Rev. Dr. McDiarmid presided and extended greetings to the Board. Interesting addresses were given by Miss Veazey, of Japan, and Miss Spence, of British Columbia.

On Thursday afternoon Dr. Potts paid a visit to the Board, conveying the official greetings of the General Board of Missions.

Miss Jost, of Sydney, Cape Breton, an accepted candidate for Japan, also spoke, telling in a sweet and simple way of her call to the work.

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Travelling	\$150 00	
Furnishing	100 00	
Postage and banking	20 00	
Registration and passports.....	40 00	
Sickness among Japanese workers	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$410 00 416

TOKYO BRANCH.

School—

Missionaries' salaries (3)	\$1,600 00	
Mrs. Perry's salary	300 00	
Supported students	1,000 00	
Fuel, light and incidentals.....	315 00	
Teachers, matron and servants	1,100 00	
Language and interpreter	150 00	
Repairs	400 00	
Insurance and taxes.....	80 00	
	<u> </u>	4,945 00 5636
Dispensary	50 00	20
King's Daughters' School	70 00	76
Orphanage	120 00	12

Evangelistic—

Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1,200 00	1200
Teacher and interpreter	150 00	125
Jinrikisha, postage, papers, etc.	120 00	160
Rent, Bible-women, Charity School.....	375 00	375
	<u> </u>	1,845 00 1866

SHIZUOKA BRANCH.

School—

Salary of one missionary	\$600 00	
Teacher and interpreter	60 00	6000
Teachers, matron and servants ..	650 00	
Ground rent	50 00	
Repairs and incidentals	70 00	600
Support of students.....	400 00	
Fuel and light	70 00	90
Literature	25 00	40
Postage and stationery	5 00	13
Insurance	60 00	
Printing and advertising.....	10 00	
	<u> </u>	2,000 00 2100

Evangelistic—

Salary of one missionary	\$600 00	
Bible-women's salaries.....	150 00	
Teacher and interpreter	80 00	
Travelling, postage and incidentals	75 00	
Literature	30 00	
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KOFU BRANCH.

School—

Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1,000 00	
Teacher and interpreter	125 00	
Teachers and servants	650 00	870
Support of students	330 00	
Light and fuel	100 00	
Postage and stationery	5 00	
Literature	30 00	
Repairs and incidentals	350 00	7500
Printing and advertising	15 00	
Organ	80 00	
	—————	\$2,685 00 28800

Evangelistic—

Salary of one missionary	\$600 00	
Teacher and interpreter	125 00	
Bible-women	125 00	
Jinrikisha, postage and stationery	90 00	
Literature	40 00	
Incidentals	20 00	
	—————	1,000 00 9000

KANAZAWA BRANCH.

Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1,200 00	
Teacher and Bible-women	250 00	
Jinrikisha and postage	20 00	7000
Books, papers and tracts	25 00	7400
Dwelling-house rent	140 00	
Teacher of Industrial School	140 00	
Fuel, repairs, insurance, etc., for schools	50 00	
Running expenses of Industrial class	275 00	
Support of Orphanage	300 00	
Incidentals	15 00	
Miss Crombie's furlough expenses	260 00	
*Purchase of building for Orphanage	200 00	
	—————	2,875 00 30800

* Not to be used this year unless necessary to secure a suitable house for the Orphanage.

NEW WORK.

Missionaries' salaries (2)	\$1,200 00	
Teacher and interpreter	150 00	
Rent	150 00	
Furnishings (home)	250 00	
Furnishings (school)	100 00	
Running expenses	500 00	
Miss Jost, travelling, salary and outfit	750 00	
	—————	3,100 00

Total for Japan.....\$20,035 00

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Salaries of
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School—
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Balance of
Jennie Forster
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WEST CHINA.

Salaries of four workers.....	\$2000 00	
Teacher for Chinese	200 00	
Gateman	30 00	
Watchman	25 00	
Incidentals	150 00	<i>10000</i>
		\$2405 00 <i>2353</i>
Building—		
“Ting” and Guest Room.....	\$250 00	
Drains, Walks, etc.	100 00	
		350 00
Hospital—		
Repairs on Native Buildings.....	\$250 00	
Incidentals, light, fuel and chair.....	150 00	
Helpers (coolie and woman).....	75 00	
Drugs	300 00	
Gateman	30 00	
Hospital furnishings	200 00	
Repairing walls	50 00	
		1055 00 <i>605</i>
School—		
Dormitories	\$250 00	
Native teacher, furniture, books, etc.....	150 00	
Support of pupils.....	250 00	
Evangelistic literature	25 00	
Bible-woman	50 00	
		725 00 <i>67</i>
New workers	2200 00	<i>32</i>
Balance of last year's appropriation.....	2500 00	<i>7</i>
		\$9235 00 <i>4025</i>
Jennie Ford Home	200 00	<i>125</i>
		\$9435 00 <i>5270</i>
Total for China		\$9435 00

CHINESE WORK IN VICTORIA, B.C.

Salaries of three missionaries.....	\$1200 00	
Furnishings	125 00	
Maintenance of Girls' Home	308 00	
Rescue expenses and Evangelistic.....	250 00	
		\$1883 00 <i>165</i>
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INDIAN WORK.

COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Salaries	\$3480 00
Maintenance—	
Shoemaker's supplies, \$420.00; cistern, 40.00	460 00
Repairs to building, \$100; taxes, 6.00	106 00
Blacksmithing, \$30.00; freight, 75.00	105 00
Travelling expenses, \$60.00; medical expenses and drugs, 75.00	135 00
Books and stationery, \$50.00; postage and telegrams, 25.00	75 00
Fuel, \$185.00; light, 85.00; housefurnishing, 200.00..	470 00
Clothing and material, \$700; meat and fish, 580.00....	1280 00
Flour and meal, \$800.00; groceries, 770.00	1570 00
Hardware, \$50.00; farm implements and repairs, 130.00	180 00
Harness and repairs, \$10.00; seeds, 30.00; kindergar- ten supplies, 50.00	90 00
Live stock, \$50.00; feed for stock, 100.00; sundries, 40.00	190 00
Total	\$8141 00
Government grant, 50 pupils at \$130.00	6500 00
	\$1641 00
One-half (W. M. S. share of running expenses)	820 00
Less overpaid last year	245 00
	<u>\$575 00</u>

PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

Crosby Girls' Home—	
Salaries of three missionaries	\$1150 00
Maintenance of Home	2000 00
Return east of Mrs. Redner	100 00
Half of furlough salary	112 50
Travelling expenses of new worker	100 00
	<u>3462 50</u>
Hospital—	
Nurses' salaries	\$600 00
Half furlough of Miss Spence	100 00
Travelling expenses of Miss Spence	100 00
Deficit last year	80 00
Additional salary	40 00
	<u>920 00</u>
KIT-A-MAAT, B.C.	700 00
WHITE FISH LAKE	300 00
MCDUGALL ORPHANAGE (for refurnishing)	300 00
BELLA BELLA (if required)	500 00
UPPER SKEENA (conditional)	500 00
Total for Indian Work	<u>\$7257.50</u>

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FRENCH WORK.

French Institute, Montreal	\$2,398 00
Interest	600 00
Day Schools and Evangelistic	1,000 00
Total for French Work	<u>\$3,998 00</u>

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

Methodist Orphanage (conditional).....	<u>\$500 00</u>
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LITERATURE.

Grant to Room 20	\$700 00
Branch depots	20 00
Outlook	100 00
Palm Branch.	60 00
	<u>\$880 00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$43,988 50</u>

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REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 10th, 1896.	
To Balance in Bank of Toronto	\$36470 82
Oct. 18th, 1897.	
To Bay of Quinte Conference Branch	\$5581 10
Toronto Conference Branch	5563 15
London "	5445 77
Hamilton "	5038 48
N. B. and P. E. I. "	4920 15
Montreal "	4522 52
Nova Scotia "	3488 30
Manitoba & N.-W. "	1055 35
British Columbia "	404 00
St. John's West, Newfoundland, Auxiliary.	180 40
" Gower Street " "	169 82
Quebec Mission Band, support of girl in Crosby Home	50 00
Bonavista Auxiliary, Newfoundland	31 00
Mount Vernon Miss. Band, from sale of quilt.	5 28
	36455 32
Government Grant, Crosby Home	1389 00
Sale of work from Kanazawa Industrial School	192 06
Donation, R. M. Melville	2 00
Donation, Hamilton Inlet Mission, Labrador	1 85
Special donation, to constitute Mrs. (Rev.) Crosby's three daughters life-members of the W. M. S., from several members of the Society	75 00
Returned Travelling Expenses—	
Misses Cartmell and Robertson, Japan	\$50 00
Miss Veazey, Japan	23 40
Miss Beavis, Port Simpson	18 50
Miss Spence, Port Simpson	12 95
	104 85
Returned Delegate's expenses, Mrs. Heal	2 74
Interest, Bank of Toronto	787 65
Collection at Board Meeting	5 75

EXPENDITURE.

By Japan—Drafts to Secretary-Treasurer	\$16000 00
" on acct. Salaries, per teachers' orders	1798 68
" " Salaries on furlough	1200 00
" " Travelling expenses and incidentals	740 70
" " Outfits	200 00
	\$19939 38
China—Drafts to Secretary-Treasurer	\$4000 00
—on acct. Salaries, per teachers' orders	226 28
—Balance paid on surgical instruments	8 51
—Travelling ex., incidentals & outfits.	1236 05
	5470 84
French work	4100 00
Port Simpson—	
Crosby Home, maintenance, salaries, etc.	\$1982 60
Hospital grant, travelling expenses, etc.	800 00
	2782 60
Kitamaat	700 00
Chilliwback	945 65
Chinese Rescue Home—	
Superintendent and teachers' salaries, etc.	\$900 00
Taxes and sewer connection	359 50
Miss Morgan's trav. ex. & Chinese lessons.	50 00
Miss Churchill's salary (3 months)	54 00
	1363 50
Newfoundland Orphanage	500 00
Duty on goods from Kanazawa	35 10
Board of Missionary Candidates in Deaconess Home ..	76 50
Literature—	
Grant to Room 20	\$700 00
Deficiency on <i>Palm Branch</i>	60 00
	760 00
Expenses—	
President, for postage, etc.	\$10 00
Field Corresponding Secretary (2 years) ..	29 80
Home Corresponding Secretary (1 year) ..	3 89
Treasurer, exchange on drafts, \$12.14; postage, 6.53	18 67
Vice-President for year	3 00
Recording Secretary (2 years)	\$5 00
Editress <i>Outlook</i> , \$4.75; <i>Onward</i> , 2.00 ..	6 75
Supply Committee (2 years)	27 86
Typewriter for Room 20	37 50
Sexton at Board Meeting, Brampton	5 00
Printing programmes of meeting	4 50
	\$151 97

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Printing programmes of meeting.....	4 50	
		\$151 97

Delegates' Expenses—		
To Board Meeting, Brampton	\$970 40	
Miss Brooke, to Board Meeting	1 10	
Executive meetings	165 25	
		1136 75
Balance cash in Bank of Toronto.....		37524 75
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BEQUEST ACCOUNT, 1896-97.

Oct. 10th, 1896.	
To Balance in Bank of Toronto.....	\$3870 93
Interest for year	117 30
Oct. 18th, 1897.	
By Balance deposited in Bank of Toronto	\$3988 23

Total amount raised by Branches, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in 1897	\$36455 32
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Increase.....	\$731 28
Total amount from all sources, 1897	39016 22
Total amount from all sources, 1896	37661 86
Increase	\$1354 36

EASTER THANK-OFFERINGS FOR EXTENSION OF THE INDIAN WORK INCLUDED IN RECEIPTS.

Montreal Conference Branch	\$860 19
Toronto	802 44
Bay of Quinte	772 25
Hamilton	656 94
N. B. and P. E. I.	482 79
Nova Scotia	386 00
London	202 10
Gower Street Auxiliary, St. John's, Nfld.....	21 35
Winnipeg	162 77
	<u>\$4346 83</u>

RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AUDIT, WILL APPEAR IN NEXT YEAR'S REPORT.

Portage la Prairie Auxiliary	\$6 50
Kanazawa Industrial work	26 10
	<u>\$32 60</u>

Audited and found correct, Oct. 19th, 1897,
E. P. OGDEN.

MARCELLA WILKES,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, 1896-97.

In presenting the report of the Branches and Auxiliaries for the year, we are thankful to note the increase in the numbers of our workers at home.

We report 680 Auxiliaries, an increase of 17, with a membership of 15,071, including 842 life-members, making an increase of 322 annual, and 58 life-members. These numbers, we feel, are not what they ought to be, if we consider the large percentage of women in the membership of the Church. To be thoroughly interested ourselves should mean the power of interesting others, and our own enthusiasm in this great missionary work should communicate itself to those with whom we come in contact, not forgetting that the enlargement of the work abroad is dependent upon the enlargement of the work at home.

The grace of liberality has not been wanting—the Easter Thank-offering was unusually large. The income from Auxiliaries and Bands is \$36,455.32, an increase of \$741.28.

The Mission Circles and Bands have contributed \$5,845.43, a decrease over last year of \$888.45, which is not altogether made up by the increase of \$241.56 from Epworth Leagues.

In the beginning of the year a circular letter was sent to each Epworth League in the Dominion, expressing our interest in their work, and calling attention to the loss sustained by our Society in many instances by the absorption of Mission Circles and Bands by the Leagues. A list was also given of special objects for support. A few have responded to this appeal. We have four girls in the school in West China supported by Leagues. Help has been given by another League to the work at Kit-a-maat. One of the Mission Circles has undertaken the support of two girls in China. Two girls in the Crosby Girls' Home are supported by Bands; also one in the Home at Chilliwack. An Auxiliary has undertaken the support of a Bible-woman in Japan. The support of another has been assumed by a private member of our Society. All these have been added to the list during the year.

Special mention should be made of the faithful work done by our far-distant Auxiliaries in Newfoundland, who amid many difficulties and without the stimulus which comes from contact with those engaged in the same work, are still increasing in numbers and liberality.

“Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.”

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 S. D. MCKAY, Home Cor. Sec.

STATISTICAL REPORT, 1896-97.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Annual Mem- bers.	Net Increase.	Life-members.	Total Member- ship.	Mission Circles and Bands.	Mission Band Members.	Receipts from Annual Mem- bers' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mite-boxes.	Donations and Thank-offerings	Mission Circles and Bands.	Epworth Leagues.	Other Sources.	Remitted to Gen'l Treas.
London Conf. Branch	90	5	2044	101	92	2136	23	837	\$2044 00	\$200 00	\$483 17	\$202 60	\$868 45	\$136 82	\$1602 89	\$5445 77
Hamilton	100	5	2057	31	158	2215	37	1136	2057 66	200 00	1167 62	1009 84	934 68	25 00	323 16	5038 48
Toronto	77	9	2031	138	206	2237	26	668	1998 04	351 00	177 16	1431 89	504 16	392 14	987 60	5563 15
Bay of Quinte	142	9	2821	116	90	2911	36	825	2821 00	150 00	131 10	1141 69	543 91	...	931 36	5581 10
Montreal	96	1	2060	32	99	2159	31	616	2049 58	175 00	356 37	1199 59	614 42	...	563 18	4522 42
Nova Scotia	54	1	1047	90	90	1137	56	898	1047 00	225 00	222 18	304 33	1046 49	...	824 63	3488 30
N.B. & P.E.I.	78	1	1551	13	86	1637	57	1278	1551 20	25 00	613 01	851 75	1182 30	...	757 75	4920 15
Man. & N.-W.	29	2	362	10	10	372	6	144	310 45	...	37 39	162 77	85 68	26 50	239 74	1055 35
Brit Columbia	11	..	192	10	10	202	4	51	...	...	...	...	42 45	...	...	404 00
AUXILIARIES OUTSIDE OF BRANCHES.																
St. John's, Nfld—	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168 82
Gower Street.....	1	..	42	1	1	43	1	23	41 50	..	..	56 50	31 89	..	52 85	180 40
George Street.....	1	..	52	5	..	22	15 50	1 00	15 00	31 00
Bonavista, Nfld.....	1	50 00
Quebec Mission Band.	5 28
Mount Vernon M.B.
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REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The business of the Literature Committee has been as usual the arrangement for printing of the letters of missionaries in the field, and the publication of original and other articles on different subjects of missionary interest.

The fact that over 13,000 copies of the *Monthly Letter* are issued assures us that its publication is a necessity, and that it is a powerful factor in our work.

Several new leaflets have been added to "Our Work" series, until at present it is a course of nine numbers. Those that have appeared this year are "A Beacon Light in Japan," "Present State of the Work Among the French-Canadians," and "Some Facts About Our French-Canadian Mission."

A paper given by Mrs. Hardy at Hamilton Branch meeting last year, entitled "Arguments For and Against Missionary Work," has been issued as an exercise.

At the request of the Committee Mrs. Thornley, President of Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, wrote a leaflet—title, "Christian Missions and the Temperance Reform"—intended to be used in connection with the Subject of Prayer for July, which is "The Extinction of the Liquor and Opium Traffics and all Covetous Hindrances to Christianity."

The exercise on "Proportionate Giving," prepared by Mrs. Willmott, has met with such a favorable reception that this year a new edition of 4,000 copies was printed, bringing the issue up to 20,000 copies. This is most encouraging, and shows that systematic and proportionate giving is gaining deeper root in our Woman's Missionary Society.

Envelopes for Thank-offering at Easter were sent out, and resulted in large increase to our funds. A collection envelope has also been prepared, to be used by Auxiliary and Mission Band members.

To one member of the Committee are we exclusively indebted for the preparation of Suggested Programmes, and we feel from favorable reports received from many, that these Suggested Programmes have been productive of untold spiritual and intellectual benefit. There are 200 subscribers for literature for Suggested Programmes.

The increase of business at Room 20 rendered necessary the purchase of a typewriting machine, and one was bought at a reasonable rate, which is giving much satisfaction.

The Lending Library is growing in numbers and usefulness, and ladies that have *up-to-date* missionary works to spare are requested to send them to Miss Ogden, *pre-paid*. It is obvious that none but the latest will be of any service. The paper-covered editions of "Murdered Millions" and the "Cycle of Prayer" have both been almost completely sold, principally to the students, through the Book Room.

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During the year Branch Depots for the sale of literature have been established at Sackville, N.B., and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The cordial thanks of the Committee are tendered to the Book Room for uniform courtesy and kindness throughout the year, to the Mission Rooms for assistance rendered, and to Mr. Powell, of the Whirlwind Carpet Cleaner Co., for benefits received.

We owe to the generosity of several members of the Society the possession of a complete file of Annual Reports.

The Committee cannot close its report without mentioning the loss it has sustained through the resignation of Mrs. Willmott, the convenor, who, constrained by pressure of many duties, felt obliged to resign her seat with us. Her inspiring presence and wise counsels are sadly missed, and the Committee feels it will be difficult, indeed, to fill her place.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. BASCOM, *Secretary.*

MANITOBA BRANCH DEPOT.

In July, 1896, a Literature Depot in connection with Room 20, Toronto, was established at 704 Main Street, Winnipeg, for the convenience of Auxiliaries of the Manitoba and N.W.T. Branch, and also in order to relieve the pressure of work on Miss Ogden at Room 20. The expenses of the first year have been borne by the Branch, but we expect as the depot becomes more widely known it will be self-supporting, and prove a great accommodation to the Branch. As yet the demand for literature has not been very great. That mostly enquired for is on "Proportionate and Systematic Giving." Free leaflets have been distributed during the year. The sales for year ending April 30th amount to \$2.00.

All the Leaflet literature advertised in the *Monthly Letter* may be obtained from this depot; also mite-boxes, blank cards, and schedules for Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries' quarterly and annual reports, but orders for periodicals such as *Outlooks*, printed Annual Reports or *Monthly Letters*, must be sent direct to headquarters, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

ELLA NEILSON, *Literature Secretary.*

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED.

Murdered Millions	1,000	copies.
A Missionary's Outfit.....	1,000	"
Scattered Helpers' Cards	2,000	"
Annual Report	3,500	"
Scattered Helpers' Leaflet.....	2,000	"
Poem—"Unawares"	500	"
If They Only Knew	1,000	"
Have You a Mite-box.....	1,000	"
Our Work, Nos. VIII., IX., X., XI.....	4,000	"
Proportionate Giving.....	4,000	"
Missionary Exercise	500	"
A Powerful Factor.....	1,000	"
Christian Missions and the Temperance Reform.....	1,000	"
Total	22,500	"

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR AMERICAN PERIODICALS.

<i>Missionary Review</i>	29
<i>Gospel in all Lands</i>	41
<i>Illustrated Christian World</i>	8
<i>Deaconess World</i>	7
<i>M. W. Friend</i>	4
<i>Double Cross</i>	2
<i>Literary Digest</i>	1
<i>Methodist Episcopal Review</i>	1
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Decrease in subscriptions, \$1.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF
LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance cash on hand, Sept 1st, 1896		\$104 93
" Sale of Leaflets and W.M.S. books	\$838 13	
" <i>Monthly Letters</i>	611 68	

GRANT ACCOUNT.

" Grants and interest	705 00
" Subscriptions to Reports	339 64
" Organizers' outfits and miscellaneous items	41 18
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Total	\$2,640 61

AMOUNTS RAISED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 2, 1897.		
By Printing and purchase of Leaflets and W.M.S. books...	\$692 73	
" Printing <i>Monthly Letter</i>	602 59	
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" Printing and mailing reports	535 57	
" Printing and mite-boxes	173 23	
" Rent, salary of assistant, street car fare of Secretary-Treasurer, etc	368 62	
		\$2,372 74
" Balance cash on hand		267 87 ✓
Total		\$2,640 61

A. L. OGDEN, *Sec.-Treas.*

"PALM BRANCH" REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To Subscriptions received	\$286 80	
" Amount from Treasurer	60 00	
" Balance from last year	2 83	
		\$349 63

EXPENDITURE.

By Printing and binding.....	\$318 92	
" Mailing and postage	22 25	
" By office expenses	3 50	
		344 67
" Balance on hand.....		4 96
Total		\$349 63

SARAH E. SMITH, *Editor "Palm Branch."*

I have examined the vouchers and accounts connected with the *Palm Branch*, and find the above statement correct.

S. D. SCOTT.

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1881-82	- - - - -	\$2,916 78
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" Crombie, 75 Hirosaka dori, Kanazawa, Japan.

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" Hargrave, Nagano, Japan.

" Lambly, " " " " " "

Mrs. Kilborn, M.D., Canadian Methodist Mission, Chentu, Sz-Chuen, China,
via Chung King.

Miss Brackbill, " " " " " "

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" Morgan, " " " " " "

" Churchill, " " " " " "

Mrs. Redner, Crosby Girls' Home, Port Simpson, B.C.

Miss Clarke, " " " " " "

" Paul, " " " " " "

" Stevenson, Hospital, Port Simpson, B.C.

" Laurence, " " " " " "

" Alton, Coqualeetza Institute, Chilliwack, B.C.

" Smith, " " " " " "

" Burpee, " " " " " "

" Masten, French Institute, Montreal, Que.

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Miss Spence, Kingston, Ont.

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NOVEMBER 8th, 1881.**

NAME.	WHERE STATIONED.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
<i>m</i> Alexander, Eva	Japan, 1892-95	Streetsville, Ont.
Alton, Sarah E.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1895	Oakville, Ont.
Alcorn, Bessie H.	Japan, 1896	Sackville, N.B.
Anderson, M.	French Work, 1891	Montreal, Que.
<i>r</i> Bouchard, M.	French Work, 1886	
Blackmore, Isabella	Japan, 1889-94, 1895	Truro, N.S.
<i>r</i> Beavis, Ellen	Port Simpson, B.C., 1891-96	Hastings, Ont.
<i>m</i> Brown, Amelia M.	China, 1892	Aylmer, Ont.
Burpee, M.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1893	British Columbia.
Brackbill, Sara C.	China, 1893	Ridgeway, Ont.
Belton, Alice E.	Japan, 1894	Clayton, Ont.
Bowes, Sarah	Victoria, B.C., 1895	Milton, Ont.
Brooks, Lottie A.	China, 1897	Hastings, Ont.
<i>r</i> Cartmell, M. J.	Japan, 1882-87, 1892-96 Victoria, B.C., 1890-92	Hamilton, Ont.
<i>r</i> Cochran, S.	Japan, 1886	Toronto, Ont.
<i>m</i> Cochran, M.	Japan, 1885-90	Toronto, Ont.
Cunningham, Janie	Japan, 1887-92, 1893	Halifax, N.S.
Clarke, Lavinia	Chilliwack, B.C., 1890-95 Port Simpson, B.C., 1896	Pownal, P.E.I.
<i>r</i> Caldwell, Leda S.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1892-95	Summerville, N.S.
Crombie, E. M.	Japan, 1893	Juvenile, N.B.
<i>m</i> Cushing, Annie	Japan, 1892-93	
Churchill, Elizabeth	Victoria, B.C., 1897	Toronto, Ont.
<i>m</i> Elderkin, Laura E.	Chilliwack, B.C., 1889-93	Port Greville, N.S.
<i>d</i> Ford, Jennie M.	China, 1893	Dresden, Ont.
Foster, Mary A.	China, 1896	N. Kingston, N.S.
<i>m</i> Hendrie, M.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1882-85	Brantford, Ont.
<i>m</i> Hart, Sarah L.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1888-93	Berwick, N.S.
Hargrave, Isabella M.	Japan, 1889-94, 1896	Winnipeg, Man.
Hart, Lizzie	Japan, 1889-94, 1896	Acadia, N.S.
<i>m</i> Hart, Nellie G.	Japan, 1889-94	Pictou, Ont.
Jackson, M.	French Work, 1890	Montreal, Que.
Jost, Hattie J.	Japan, 1897	Sydney, C.B.
<i>m</i> Knight, Agnes	Port Simpson, B.C., 1885-90	Halifax, N.S.
<i>m</i> Kilborn, Retta Gifford	China, 1893	Owen Sound, Ont.
Killam, Maud, M.D.	China, 1897	Yarmouth, N.S.
<i>r</i> Large, Eliza Spencer	Japan, 1885-90, 1891-95	Paris, Ont.
<i>d</i> Lund, Hannah	Japan, 1887-92	Woodstock, Ont.
<i>m</i> Leake, Annie	Victoria, B.C., 1887-92	Parrsboro', N.S.
Lambly, Marion K.	Japan, 1894	Bloomfield, Ont.
Lawrence, Emma	Port Simpson, B.C., 1894	Victoria, B.C.
Morgan, Kate	Japan, 1888-92 Victoria, B.C., 1896	Brantford, Ont.
Matthieu, M.	French Work, 1893	Montreal, Que.
Munro, Jessie K.	Japan, 1888-93, 1894	Peterboro', Ont.
Masten, Isabel	Montreal, Que., 1890	Montreal, Que.
<i>r</i> Morrow, Mrs. Mary E.	Victoria, B.C., 1892-95	Barrie, Ont.
Preston, E. A.	Japan, 1888-93, 1894	Mt. Pleasant, Ont.
Paul, Hannah M.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1895	Newburgh, Ont.
Robertson, Minnie A.	Japan, 1891-96, 1897	St. John, N.B.
<i>r</i> Roy, Mrs.	Actonvale, Que., 1887-89	
<i>r</i> Ross, Kate	Port Simpson, B.C., 1890-91	Toronto, Ont.
Redner, Mrs. J.	Port Simpson, B.C., 1893	Hastings, Ont.
*Spence, Miss	Port Simpson, B.C., 1892-97	Kingston, Ont.
<i>r</i> Shoults, Bertha	Japan, 1891-92	Toronto, Ont.
Smith, Maggie	Chilliwack, B.C., 1893	Maitland, N.S.
<i>r</i> Somers, Frances	Chilliwack, B.C., 1889-91	
Sifton, Ida	Japan, 1897	Strathroy, Ont.
<i>r</i> Vessot, Mlle.	Actonvale, Que., 1886	
*Veazey, M. Abbie	Japan, 1892-97	St. Stephen, N.B.
<i>m</i> Wintemute, S. Agnes	Japan, 1886-92	St. Thomas, Ont.
<i>r</i> Wickett, Florence G.	Victoria, B.C., 1893-96	Toronto, Ont.
Washington, Edith	Japan, 1897	Minesing, Ont.
Wigle, Laura	Japan, 1895	Essex, Ont.

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Missionaries	62
<i>m</i> Married and withdrawn	12
<i>r</i> Retired	13
<i>d</i> Deceased	2

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

During the years that this Department of our Woman's Missionary Society has been at work, the Committee have had abundant reason to realize that it has been greatly owned and blessed of God, or its success would not have been so great, nor would the means for contributing to the demands of our missions have been so constantly provided. This year has been no exception, and our lack of faith often receives a rebuke.

Early last fall so many quilts were sent in that the Secretary began to wish that the Auxiliaries would cease to make them, and grumbled at such an accumulation in the "corner," which is generously given to us in the Methodist Book Room. But one day, when the "corner" was very full, a letter came from the Chairman of a District asking if we could send bales of quilts and clothing to seven places on his District; and there the quilts were all ready, and soon were on their way to add to the comfort of many deserving poor.

At the annual Branch meeting in Collingwood, a letter was read, asking for a buffalo robe for a preacher in the northern part of Ontario, who was in great need of one. The sexton of the church was passing through the room when the letter was being read. He paused to listen. That night he retired as usual, but not to sleep. His thought followed that preacher in his drives through the cutting north-west winds, and then he recalled the fact that he had a robe which might be used, and a day or two later he offered it to the ladies, who had it relined and shipped to where it was so much needed. Later on we heard that that same preacher could be seen taking his long drives with his horse blanket as an under robe, and a grey blanket taken from his bed, fastened around his shoulders, in place of an overcoat, which he had not money enough to procure. Needless to say that before long an overcoat was sent out for him.

Many instances could be given telling how timely and welcome our gifts have been. Let me tell you of one: A widow, having five children, from five to fifteen years of age—a woman of intelligence and refinement—was reduced by her husband's death from affluence to great poverty. She tried every form of labor, from that of the wash-tub to those of dressmaker and sick-nurse; but notwithstanding the strictest economy, she found it almost impossible to feed and clothe her family. At the beginning of the winter her personal and household destitution was truly pitiful. Through the bounty of our Society, grim want has disappeared and comparative comfort exists in her home. The children are able to attend Sunday School, church and Public School in decent apparel.

Last winter there was a great deal of distress in the lumber districts, as not one-third of the number of camps were at work, and

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money was very scarce. Appeals for clothing were made to us, and promptly responded to.

One family had had diphtheria in the house, and the doctor ordered all clothing to be destroyed. They had scarcely enough left to cover them. The missionary in charge was delighted to be able to help them, and the following Sunday three of the family attended the services.

One poor mother went to the parsonage with her babe wrapped in a few light pieces of flannel, and when the pastor gave her a warm shawl for her child, her joy knew no bounds, and the mother's tears of love fell as she smiled on her baby, and thanked the donors.

On another circuit, twenty families were aided by our gifts, and amongst them a lady who was once a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and had assisted in preparing such articles for others. She lost all her furniture and clothing by fire last summer.

Sunshine was brought to the heart of a little girl by the gift of a warm coat, as she could then go to the Sunday School and Christmas celebration, which before had been impossible.

A woman who lived in a log shanty in the woods, was so grateful for help that she knitted a pair of socks, by way of thanks, for the young preacher, who felt it only right that he should thank the Woman's Missionary Society for such an acceptable gift.

Some instances, which prove to us that God is overruling this work, may be mentioned:

Just before Mr. and Mrs. Raley returned to Kit-a-maat last fall, the Secretary of this Committee called to see Mrs. Raley. In the afternoon, before going there, she was at an Auxiliary meeting, and on leaving the room a lady handed to her a closed envelope. Mrs. Raley told of the needs of the Home, and said, "Oh, I do wish you could send me some knives, and then we would teach the children how to use them, and it would save us so much trouble, as we have to cut up all the meat that the thirty children eat." The promise was given to get her some as soon as possible; and on her way home the Secretary opened the envelope previously mentioned, and there found a two-dollar bill, "to be used by the Supply Committee in any way needed." Joyfully the thought came, "Before they call, I will answer," and, much to the pleasure and surprise of Mrs. Raley, she received the coveted knives early the next day. Some months later, letters were received from Kit-a-maat, telling us how the children in the Home were progressing in the use of the knives, and mentioning the fact that the girls were being taught how to crochet, and asking for crochet hooks, knitting needles, and other small things, which cost very little in Ontario, but are quite expensive out there. The letter was put aside until money might be sent in which could be used for that purpose, but it had not to wait long. Within a week a lady handed \$2.00 to the Secretary, saying, "You may be needing this for

something in the Supply work. I have been intending for some time to send you a contribution." And lo! the way was opened again, and by the first opportunity the goods asked for were on their way to Kit-a-maat.

Many of our missionaries come to the "Red Sea" financially, and are unable to clothe themselves and families suitably or comfortably. When such cases are known to us we gladly send them supplies, which are received with humble thanks, as from the Lord.

Our hearts are pained when we hear of the hardships which some of the missionaries in the cold North-West have to endure. There are young men of splendid ability who only receive about \$240.00 per annum from all sources—to pay for their board, books, clothing, horse-keep, etc. These heroic young men thoroughly appreciate the Christian thoughtfulness of kind friends in the east, who supplement their small stipends by their gifts at Christmas time. Many of them journey to their appointments with all the clothing on them that they possess, and even then it is difficult for them to keep from freezing. And not alone do the single men suffer for want of sufficient clothing, but many of the married men are in the same poor circumstances.

Take a look with me into the home of one of our missionaries who has a salary of about \$400.00 per annum, and seven children to provide for. One day there came to them from Ontario a large box, which was eagerly opened. The generosity of their unknown friends quite overcame them, and without waiting to complete the joyful task of emptying the box, the family sang the verse, "Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord," and then recited with full hearts the twenty-third Psalm. Afterwards they knelt in the presence of the Lord and His people's bounty, to praise Him and to ask forgiveness for their faithless fears.

Let us not forget to add pretty articles for use or decoration. One letter says: "Nothing touched my heart so much as some pretty things for the home, glimpses of luxury, so well calculated to minister to the half-starved æsthetic tastes of children doomed to the backyard of a backwoods country."

Not only to our missionaries and missions amongst white people have our goods been sent, but let us hear what some of the Indians say: "Good, kind Christ ladies, they love us poor Indians. Yes, we see God loves us now. We see better than ever before, God is near us and knows just what we wanted. We don't know what to say, but our hearts are happy. The kind ladies say, 'Poor Indian, cold and ragged,' send some quilts, good, good things. God bless them every day. Long ago come to church and sing. 'No warm clothes, no nice wigwam.' Now white sisters come close with prayer, put arms around us with these nice clothes. Weeping, they say, 'Blessed Jesus, closer and closer.' We never see those good brothers and sisters till round the throne of our Father we shake hands and fall at His feet together."

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Such are some of the sayings of these Indian women who, by our gifts, are being made more ready to listen to our blessed Gospel, and by which the prejudice against the white man, whom all Indians think has wronged them, is being melted away.

Within the past few years many Indian children have been introduced to Santa Claus, and now look forward to his annual visit with as keen anticipation as do the little white children who have always been his friends.

Last year many gifts were sent out bearing messages of peace and love, and teaching deep lessons of the universal brotherhood of all who love the Christ and celebrate His birthday. This department now asks that all who have influence with young people of various societies will interest them in these brown-faced, bright-eyed children of our Dominion.

Last Christmas was a day long to be remembered by the Indians on Walpole Island.

Early in November a number of baskets, made by the Indians on that island, were sent to Toronto to be sold. The proceeds were to be spent on goods suitable to their needs in the way of clothing, books, toys, etc. The sale of the baskets realized \$22.00, and two members of the Committee made the purchases. In addition to these they had parcels and bales sent to them from other places, so that they were able to make a splendid display on their Christmas tree.

Over four hundred people were present, including nearly all the pagan Indians on the Island, and presents were found for every one there.

The willingness to do all in their power for the happiness of others was a great encouragement to their pastor, who is an Indian, a graduate of Victoria University. He said the practical part of our Christianity was being exercised, and a more eloquent influence could not be exerted.

These are only a few instances which could be given to show how much our work is needed and appreciated—work so happily engaged in by young and old in providing for the wants of others. It draws our members closer together in the bonds of Christian love and charity, and is training our young people to thoughtful consideration of those less fortunate than themselves.

Soft hearts and bright eyes are turned with eager anticipations towards the women and children who will hear of their Saviour through them.

Who can estimate the influence of such work upon their own souls? Who knows the strength given to the Church of God in the homeland as it draws into its communion the young people trained in the work of self-denial and true benevolence?

In Westmount for some years the Junior Christian Endeavor

Society has gone down to the Delisle Mission School during Thanksgiving week with cake, fruit and clothing made by themselves. It is a gala day all round, a day looked forward to by givers and receivers. Some of the garments are made by the very smallest children; one article mentioned was made, and well made, by a little six-year-old boy.

From another place came a quilt covered with texts, to be sent to China. They had heard of the unwillingness of the Chinese to hear the Bible read, so thought that curiosity might prompt them to ask what all that strange writing meant, and by hearing it read would hear some portions of the Gospel. Not a block in the whole quilt but had been made a subject of prayer, hoping that thereby they would prove to be silent missionaries.

Can we estimate the good that is being done by these gifts of clothing? One Auxiliary said that they felt fully repaid for their trouble when they heard that through their generosity some half-dozen children had been able to attend the Sabbath School.

During the past year sixty-nine places have been supplied with goods, and hundreds of people have received some token of remembrance from our W. M. S., while 190 Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, Circles and Leagues have sent parcels or cases.

Over \$5,000 worth of goods have been distributed, and the Government has refunded \$121.58, which had been paid on freight to Indians in the North-West. Summing up the year's work the feeling most prominent in our hearts is that of thankfulness that we have been privileged to work in this way for Him.

Exodus xxxv. 25: "And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands." 29: "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring, for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded."

R. M. BRIGGS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

Two boxes of clothing and goods were forwarded by the Centennial Church, Victoria, also bale from Metropolitan Auxiliary with \$11.00 in cash. Victoria West and James Bay sent goods to Chilliwack Home. The goods were sorely needed, and much appreciated both for their utility and as an expression of Christian sympathy.

MCDUGALL ORPHANAGE—Received goods from Baker Auxiliary, valued at \$14.00.

MORLEY—A case from Dorchester Street Sunday School, Montreal.

CHILLIWACK—Bale of bedding and clothing from Chantry; yarn and stockings from Harlem; parcel from Eastwood; bale from Ennis-killen, valued at \$63.00; two pairs of stockings, knit by a lady over

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eighty years of age in Brooklin; pillows, stockings, etc., from Ivanhoe; small bale from Unionville; a quilt patched and sent by the girls and boys of the Junior League of James Street Church, Exeter; two quilts from Ker Auxiliary; quilts from "The Grove" Auxiliary, Siloam Circuit, valued at \$6.00; box from Warkworth, value \$43.55; case from Oakville, valued at \$47.00; quilt from Wesley Church, Trafalgar.

PORT SIMPSON HOSPITAL—Four pillows sent by "Olive Branch" Mission Band, Fergus.

CROSBY HOME—"Olive Branch" Mission Band, Fergus, goods valued at \$16.00; Norwich, 1897.

BIRTLE—Bathurst Street Auxiliary sent clothing, bedding, etc., valued at \$90.00; Sherbourne Street Auxiliary, goods valued at \$60.00; Belleville (Bridge Street) Auxiliary and Jubilee Mission Circle, case valued at \$96.00; Lunenburg and Centreville.

PLUMAS—Cases from Berkeley Street, Toronto, and Delhi, value \$40.00.

ORANGE RIDGE, MAN.—Bales from Hespeler, Milton, Hazzard's Corners, Foxboro', \$10.50; Dereham Centre, \$20.00; Dunnville, October, 1897, value \$35.00.

PRINCE ALBERT—Cases from Iroquois, value \$57.00; Oakwood, \$50.00.

SUDBURY—Quilts from Vankleek Hill, cases from Wicklow Auxiliary, \$20.00; Richmond Hill, value \$15.00; Lunenburg, Kippen, and King Street Auxiliary, Cobourg, valued at \$50.00.

WARREN—Bale from Hastings, Alvinston, \$60.00; parcels from Consecon, Centralia, Newburgh, value \$16.00; Keene Sunday School and Tilsonburg, \$40.00.

LITTLE CURRENT—Case of bedding, clothing and Sunday School books from Richmond Hill, valued at \$40.00.

TROUT CREEK—Christmas gifts and clothing from "Golden Reapers" Mission Circle of Grace Church, St. Thomas, value \$50.00; bale from Colborne, value \$30.00; Nile, \$25.00.

NORTH BAY—Omeme sent bale valued at \$100.00; \$6.00 worth of quilts from Woodford; Chesley, \$15.00, and bale from London West Mission Circle.

ROSSEAU—Received goods from Grafton valued at \$50.00; Millgrove, \$21.00; Huntingdon, \$10.00; Simcoe Street Mission Circle, Oshawa, \$40.00; Berlin, \$25.00; Newington, \$70.00; Lindsay, \$20.00; "Wayside Gleaners," autograph quilt from Northfield.

FRENCH INSTITUTE, MONTREAL—Received bales from Lonsdale, Empey Hill, Currie's Crossing, worth \$15.50, October, 1897; three quilts from Belleville Tabernacle Mission Circle; Varna, pillow-slips,

etc., valued at \$6.00; quilts from Varney, \$10.00; Vankleek Hill, quilts valued at \$15.00; Switzerville Auxiliary sent five pillows worth \$2.50.

SHAWANAGA—Bale from Hespeler, valued at \$50.00.

BEAR'S HILL—Bale from Uxbridge, value \$65.00.

STURGEON FALLS—Bradford, \$35.00; Strathroy, \$30.50; Napanee West, \$30.00; quilts from Bowmanville.

PORT CARLING—Three quilts from Warsaw, \$11.00; Cherry Valley, \$58.00; Hensall, \$50.00, September, 1897; Pickering, \$10.00; Bolton, \$83.00.

PARRY ISLAND—Georgetown, \$52.00.

CHINA FOR MISSIONARY—A quilt from Osnabruck Centre Ladies' Aid; autograph quilt from Oshawa, and one from Owen Sound.

DEACONESS HOME—Quilts from Madoc, \$17.00; St. Mary's, quilts and clothing.

CHRISTIAN ISLAND—Windsor Mission Circle, \$11.00; Trenton, Meaford, \$35.00.

FISHER RIVER—Zion Tabernacle Auxiliary sent case valued at \$35.00, September, 1897; Bosworth sent goods valued at \$40.00.

SADDLE LAKE—Bale of quilts and clothing from Orangeville, valued at \$33.65; barrel from Laurel worth \$30.00.

MEADOW LEA—Small parcel from Mimico, case from Unionville, value \$20.00; bales from Exeter and Scarboro', and case from Mark Street, Peterboro', valued at \$35.00.

ONEIDA RESERVE (MUNCEY)—Cases from Comber and Thorndale; three quilts from Courtice, \$6.00; Prescott, \$60.00; Scarboro', \$20.00; quilts from Baillieboro', \$15.00.

MUSKOKA (UFFINGTON)—Bale from Maple, valued at \$28.00.

BRUCE MINES—Case from Trinity Church, Toronto.

NEWBORO'—Broadway Tabernacle, goods amounting to \$18.00.

COE HILL—Case from Cannifton, value \$25.00.

FORT STEWART—Case from Cannifton, value \$20.00.

GOODERHAM MISSION—Norwood, with some assistance from the South Dummer Auxiliary, sent goods valued at \$70.00.

NORWAY HOUSE—In May, 1897, Dalrymple sent barrel of goods valued at \$38.00; in June, 1897, Newmarket sent goods valued at \$50.20.

NELSON HOUSE—Thornbury sent bale valued at \$75.00, also bale from Ontario Ladies' College, valued at \$42.00, and in September, 1897, case from Merrickville, value \$33.00; parcel from Zion Auxiliary, Wilfrid Circuit.

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MAPLE CREEK—Bale from Granton.

OKA—Parcel from Seaforth, October, 1897 ; Switzerville Auxiliary sent goods valued at \$30.00.

FARADAY, North Hastings, received a bale of clothing, valued at \$15.00, from Baltimore.

NURSING-AT-HOME MISSION, Toronto, received bedding and clothing, valued at \$17.50, from Castleton Auxiliary.

KIT-A-MAAT received bales from St. John, N.B., valued at \$30.00 ; from Yonge Street Auxiliary and Epworth League, case, valued at \$50.00 ; Richmond, Que., sent parcel, valued at \$10.60 ; parcel from Newtonville, September, 1897 ; Napanee Mission Circle of Eastern Church sent valuable bale of goods ; Kirkton, Fredericton, N.B.

BERENS RIVER, 1896—Case of clothing from Perth, value \$60.00 ; September, 1897, Goderich sent bale, valued at \$32.00 ; Watford, \$40.00, and case from Freelon, valued at \$19.00.

BRANDON INSTITUTE—Cases from Franklin, value \$30.00 ; Ridgeway, \$25.00 ; Highgate, \$46.00 ; Creemore, \$54.00 ; Grimsby, \$50.00.

EDMONTON—Bridge Street Auxiliary sent goods valued at \$46.20.

WHITE WHALE LAKE—London South Auxiliary sent bale, valued at \$45.00 ; Yarmouth Centre, value \$56.00 ; St. Thomas, \$30.00, two barrels in March, valued at \$80.00 ; case from Town Line Auxiliary, Lambeth, \$26.00 ; October, 1897, Clayton Auxiliary sent bale, valued at \$48.00.

MOOSE WOODS RESERVE—Huntingdon sent bale, valued at \$50.00 ; Carberry, Man., sent case, worth \$15.00.

PAKAN, ALTA—Bale from Aylmer, valued at \$22.00.

SCHREIBER—Two barrels of bedding and clothing from Brinston's Corners, valued at \$75.00.

NIPISSING (via NORTH BAY)—Bales from Dungannon, valued at \$55.00 ; Thornton, value \$31.00 ; Rednersville, \$25.00 ; parcel from Hespeler, October, 1897 ; from Owen Sound, case, valued at \$60.00 ; Huff's Church Auxiliary, one, valued at \$45.00.

RAMA—Bale from Port Hope ; Christmas gifts, books and clothing from Dundas Sunday School, valued at \$30.00.

RAVENSWOOD—Case from Manilla, valued at \$14.00 ; case from Ingersoll, valued at \$100.00 ; Ridgertown Bible class sent bale, valued at \$25.00 ; bale from St. Mary's, Oakland, N.B., value \$50.00.

SAHANATIEN—Carp sent box, valued at \$10.00; and Bowmanville sent Christmas gifts.

French schools in Montreal received gifts of clothing, etc., valued at \$125.00, from Douglas Church Auxiliary.

MUNCEY—Bales from South Woodslee, value \$15.00; Epworth League of Woodhouse, value \$8.00; Paisley, \$30.00; bedding and clothing from Stoney Creek, worth \$20.00; Newburgh Sunday School, \$12.00; Exeter, quilts and clothing; Frankford Auxiliary sent bale, including an autograph quilt from Stockdale Epworth League, and one quilt from Stockdale Sunday School; total value, \$37.00; bale from Ilderton, valued at \$47.50.

WEBWOOD—Received quilts from Inglewood.

EGAN CREEK—Bale from Cobden, valued at \$30.00.

POWASSAN—Quilts and clothing from Gorrie, valued at \$25.00; bale from Innisville, worth \$45.00.

THESSALON—Ridgetown, value \$40.00; Thompsonville, \$33.00; Wilfrid, \$8.00; parcel from St. Alban's Auxiliary, Toronto.

SAUGEEN—St. Mary's Auxiliary and Junior Epworth League sent Christmas gifts and clothing valued at \$75.00.

YEARLEY'S—King, value \$10.00; Brampton (St. Paul's Mission Band), \$21.60.

GIBSON RESERVE—Christmas gifts from Huntsville, valued at \$15.00; books and papers from Bethesda Sunday School.

HIAWATHA—Clothing from Toronto Junction.

MATTAWA—Division Street, Cobourg, sent bale valued at \$67.00; Brampton Circle, Grace Church, bale, \$55.00.

WALPOLE ISLAND—Christmas gifts from Elm Street Mission Circle; two quilts from Newcastle, Ilderton Mission Band, Lakefield "Cheerful Givers" Mission Band; and bale from Stratford, \$30.00; London South, \$55.00.

MOOSE MOUNT MISSION—Ladies' Aid of Melita, Man., sent goods, valued at \$25.00.

VARS—Coaticook, P.Q., bale, valued at \$58.00.

Donation of \$3.88 was received from Dorchester Street Sunday School.

CROSBY HOME—King, \$14.00; Berkeley St. "Busy Bees," \$12.00.

HOSPITAL, PORT SIMPSON—"Wayside Workers" Mission Band, Keswick, N.B., one quilt.

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REPORT OF THE
JAPAN COUNCIL OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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FOR THE YEAR 1896-97.

The Council of the Woman's Missionary Society in Japan met in their tenth annual meeting at Karuizawa on July 19th. The following members were present: Misses Blackmore, Cunningham, Preston, Munro, Hargrave, Hart, Crombie, Belton, Lambly, Wigle and Alcorn.

After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes of the Executive meeting in October, and the special Council meeting of July 16th, the President spoke of the regret felt last year that three of the number then present would be absent this year, viz., Misses Robertson, Cartmell and Veazey. She then welcomed back among our number Misses Hart and Hargrave, and extended a hearty welcome to Miss Alcorn, who was with us for the first time.

After the appointment of the necessary committees, the reports of the different branches were read and adopted.

TOKYO.

School.—With the attendance of sixty-four, many of whom are girls who have been with us for a number of years, and several of whom have no home but the school, a report of work done must be a report of development of individuals. Looked at from this standpoint the year that has just closed has been a good one. God's blessing has rested upon us and the Holy Spirit has been present with us. The number of books of a purely religious character which have been taken from our library has been greater than ever before. Six girls have been baptized. One of these for more than four years had felt unable to confess her faith to her father; another is one who some years ago was rescued by our Kanazawa workers from being sold into a life of shame. She has the qualities that will, with God's blessing, make her a valuable worker.

One of our girls came to the very gates of death, and was able to say, "Life looks very sweet, but either way is all right." One voluntarily gave up her opportunity for further education in order to work as a servant, that by so doing she may earn money to help her widowed mother.

At the close of last year there was a tendency to flippant and irreverent questioning on religious subjects, and a corresponding slackness in belief in the necessity of keeping the Sabbath Day holy and kindred subjects. In these respects the atmosphere of our school has, to our great joy, entirely changed.

The work of the year seemed to be crowned when, on the last day of school, our sewing teacher came to ask if she might be baptized, and to relate the history of her three years' struggle with the tempter.

Among our sixty-four students forty-three attend class-meeting. The membership of the King's Daughters' society has much increased. But with so much to encourage, our hearts are sad when we remember that one of our eighteen supported girls has had to be dropped. It is a cause for great rejoicing when some one, for whom we have waited and prayed for months and years comes out on the Lord's side, but it humbles us when a Christian girl whom we have watched over and prayed for, rebuked and warned, at last must be dropped from our family record. May God's Spirit follow her.

Change among the Japanese teachers sadly disorganized the school for a time, and it seemed impossible to supply vacancies until we learned that the salaries of teachers in government schools had increased 50 per cent., and a corresponding change was made in our salaries. The work of matron must still be divided among us as no suitable one can be found.

Evangelistic.—During the year there seemed to be many things to interrupt the regular order of work. One Bible-woman was sick for some weeks. In February, small-pox being prevalent throughout the city, we had to close our Sunday Schools and meetings, and for a week or so had to stop all visiting. We had only gotten back to regular work again when measles broke out, and once more our Sunday School had to be closed, but we went on with the other work. However, the meetings were small for a time, as so many mothers had to be at home caring for sick children.

Nevertheless, looking back over the year, we have much to be thankful for. The Bible women have on the whole had good health, and have worked faithfully and well. Two of the Bible-women have attended the daily Bible lesson in the school, and there has been a special Bible lesson once a week just for the Bible-women, which they have found helpful. Our monthly workers' meeting has been a help to us all, keeping all in touch with each other's work; the interchange of experiences in ways and means of gaining entrance to

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During the last quarter the Azabu Sunday night mothers' meeting has not been as well attended as usual, because of the influence of a woman of the neighborhood, who has been doing all she could in the way of making up bad stories against Christianity and the foreigners; but we have learned by past experience not to be discouraged, for we feel sure that our heavenly Father can make this, as He has similar circumstances in other parts of the work, one of the "all things" that work together for good. During the year we have had 213 meetings, the average attendance being seven; the largest number at any one meeting was twenty; 2,571 visits have been made and 127 new people reached; ten have asked for baptism and three have received it. The attendance at the three Sunday Schools has averaged almost a hundred. The Ushigome Poor School has had an attendance of about ten, but the Sunday School in connection with it is larger. The rent for the room has been paid by a former pupil of the Azabu school.

Shimadzu san has gone to her home in Nagano for the summer, where she will have a change from the Tokyo air, and at the same time help with the work among the women of that city. Shimada san has not visited her home since she left it about ten years ago to enter our school as a student in view of becoming a Bible-woman. She has been a faithful worker for some years now, and although her home was broken up when she was quite young by the death of both her parents, she gladly accepted our offer to visit her native city—Kofu—this summer. She will go with Miss Hargrave the last of July and return in time for work early in September. The five other women remain in Tokyo, but, as usual, will work only part time during July and August.

The work in the districts of Atagoshita and Shitaya has seemingly been the most encouraging, for we have seen more results of our work; still we believe that our labors have not been in vain in other parts of the city, and that the seed sown will some day bring forth fruit in those districts also.

In connection with the Sunday Schools, let me give you one little instance of faith in prayer and its reward. One day the Bible-woman found two of the children crying from hunger. Their mother had run away because the family were so poor and the husband so cruel to her when under the influence of drink, which was most of the time. After giving the children a few sen to get food, the Bible-woman reminded them of the lessons they had learned in Sunday School about prayer. A few weeks later the eldest girl came to Sunday School with a beaming face and said, "Teacher, it is just as you said. God has heard my prayer and has sent mother back home, and father does not drink as he used to do, and is much kinder."

King's Daughters' School.—Though the work has been much interrupted by sickness and other causes, this has been a very satisfactory year in our Poor School. The fruits of the patient, loving work which has been bestowed on these little ones are showing more plainly as the months roll by, not only in the improvement in the children, but also in the appreciation of the help given shown by them and their parents. Over fifty children attend and are learning to live purer, happier and more useful lives than could be theirs were it not for the hands thus stretched out to help and guide. The good done is not to the children only—the girls of our school, who work and plan for the support of this means of help for their poorer sisters, are themselves benefited not a little.

Orphanage.—The older girls have greatly improved in needle-work during the year, and their earnings correspondingly increased, so that while house rent, food and clothing have greatly advanced in price, the demands made upon the W. M. S. are not greater than in former years. It is pleasing to see how strong is the family feeling among them, any illness or trouble coming to one calling out ready sympathy and help from the others.

Dispensary.—Owing to more imperative demands on his time and strength, and his own ill health, Dr. Macdonald has not been able to give us the help he had intended in opening the dispensary. Nevertheless, the money granted has enabled us to provide medical help for several very distressing cases. Dr. Whitney, of the Friends mission, has very kindly given us medical advice and attendance, free of charge, we paying only for the actual cost of the medicine, etc. Dr. Whitney's time, however, is too full, and his hospital too far from our poor people to admit of our going to him with any but most urgent cases. In lighter sickness we have called in a native doctor in the district. Next year we hope to do more regular work. In the meantime we are glad to have been able to relieve some who must otherwise have gone unaided.

SHIZUOKA.

School.—In November it will be ten years since the Shizuoka School was opened, and only by looking backward over the years can we realize what a power for good the school has been.

Nearly 150 pupils have been enrolled, the greater number of whom otherwise might never have been brought under Christian influence. When the school was started, it was impossible to get Christian Japanese teachers. Among those employed at that time was a graduate of the Tokyo Normal School—a woman who hated Christianity, and who used all her influence against it; but so great is the power of the Gospel that before two years had passed she had become not only a true-hearted Christian, but had been appointed a class-leader in the school. Not long since we met former pupils who still

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In former years, owing to the custom of early marriages, many of the pupils remained in the school not longer than one, two, or three years at the most. Often we hear reports of many of these girls which gladden our hearts, and make us feel that at least some of the seed sown in those early years fell upon good ground. Two instances out of many might be given.

A young girl entered the school nine years ago. She remained two years, then withdrew to be married, and for a long time nothing was heard of her. Some months ago, one of our girls visiting the hospital met a woman from the town where this girl lived. This woman said that the girl was known as a Christian, and that it had been her custom for years to gather the members of her household together every evening and read the Bible to them.

One of the first graduates of the school returned to a Buddhist home. Her father tried to persuade her to give up Christianity, now that she had left school, and to worship as the rest of the family did. Failing, he sent for a clever Buddhist priest to talk to her. The priest was astonished at the courage of the young girl, and at her answers to his arguments, and told her father it was useless to try to shake her faith in the Christian religion.

Many of the former pupils came back to the school as to a loved home. They are nearly always invited to spend a day or two with us, and if possible a Sunday. Thus they receive help and encouragement; their faith is strengthened; and they return to their homes stronger for the battle of life.

Among the pupils who entered the school nine years ago is one who belongs to an old and wealthy family. She graduated in Japanese three years ago, and in English one year ago last April. It had been her intention after graduating to go to Tokyo to a non-Christian house, where she could be instructed in various kinds of Japanese accomplishments, but after talking the matter over with her teacher, she decided it might be a loss to her spiritually to carry out her cherished plan, and as a helper was needed much in the school at that time, she offered to remain until the summer holidays. In September she came back because she knew she was needed. During the Christmas holidays, after much entreaty, she received permission from her parents to return to the school for three months, not only to assist in the teaching, but to help in the outside evangelistic work. Her family wish her to marry, as she is now twenty-two years of age, but she has long been determined to marry only a Christian, and it will be a difficult thing for a girl of her rank to get a suitable husband. To a Christian girl in her station in life, the marriage difficulty is a very real one. Often where a family might not object to a man as a

Christian, they would very decidedly object to his family or rank, for, especially in the country, not many men of old or wealthy families are yet Christians. We had very little hope that she would remain in the school longer than the three months, for we knew how strongly her family opposed her teaching in a Christian school. They told her she was wasting her life, and she herself felt that in a worldly sense they were right. However, in March she decided that her place was in the school for at least another year. In talking the matter over she said: "I have been thinking a great deal lately. I am a Christian, and therefore have no right to consult my own selfish interests. It should not be what I *want* to do, but what I *ought* to do, and while the school needs teachers and evangelistic workers so badly, I will stay; but as soon as I am not really needed it is better for my family's sake for me to leave."

But perhaps our most promising girls are those who receive help, some more, some less, from the Missionary Society. None of these girls are entirely supported, the rule in all cases being that the parents must pay as much as possible towards the support of their daughters. The most of the girls receiving help are of Samurai (the ancient military class) rank, but in many cases the families are now too poor to bear all the expenses of higher education for their daughters, and as with the help received from the W. M. S. it costs the parents less to educate their daughters here than to send them to a native school, they are sent to us and thus brought under Christian influence. According to an agreement, signed by the parents, the girl must remain in the school till she graduates, and at the end of that time, for two years, do any kind of work for which she may be suited. Two of these girls have already finished the term of service, and are now engaged in the school, one as matron, the other as teacher. Both are giving entire satisfaction. Five more have graduated in Japanese, and while continuing their English studies, teach from two to three hours a day in the Japanese department, and thus save the school the expense of at least two teachers. Of the seven girls all are true Christians, and by their consistent lives win the respect of the younger girls. They are the Sunday School teachers and Christian workers of the school. Next year two more of our partly supported girls will graduate in Japanese. These two give promise of future usefulness. In our third year are two more very hopeful girls, one a superior girl of high rank. We feel she will be a power for good in the school. During the past year four more girls have been taken into the school as partly supported students. They are all girls of marked individuality, and we hope much from them in future. It means so much to have our own girls as teachers or as evangelistic workers. They are devoted to the school, and we know that in their teaching they give no uncertain sound.

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faithfully sown, and this year, when sickness came and works failed, the helpful and thoughtful spirit shown by the girls was most encouraging. In talking over modes of work it was hard to realize that we were consulting with girls of 16, 17, and 18 years of age, so womanly did they seem.

Our new building is very pretty, and is most comfortable to live in. It has had the effect of drawing a number of pupils to the school. Forty-four names have been enrolled during the year, the largest number for eight years. Thirty-eight have been in attendance the past term. Our building is situated in the best part of the town, and this year, for the first time for years, the children of the neighborhood attend the school as daily pupils.

On Sunday afternoon three of our senior girls carry on a Sunday School for children of the neighborhood. Two regiments of soldiers have recently come to Shizuoka, and among the children attending the Sunday School are the Colonel's children, and also the children of one of the highest officers. These facts show that the prejudice against our school as a Mission one is fast passing away. Two other Sunday Schools are also superintended and carried on by our girls, also three of the girls teach in the church Sunday School. In Shizuoka girls only enter the schools after finishing the course in the common schools, but this year we admitted two little girls of five and six years of age respectively. The fathers of these little ones are judges, and the mothers were very desirous that the little girls should be allowed to attend the schools and receive just what instruction could be given them, if only one hour a day. They were very unwilling to send them to a native school, where they would meet all kinds of children, and perhaps learn rude ways and words. It is surely a great argument in favor of Mission schools to know that their mothers feel that these children are safe morally in such schools. Nowhere but in the Mission schools can the girls of Japan receive the Christian training which is so much needed to build up a strong womanhood in our churches. Even could we not reach outsiders, Mission schools are necessary to train the daughters of our ministers and other Christians—to train them so that they may be "rooted and grounded in the faith."

Evangelistic.—In this department we have felt very keenly the loss of our best Bible-woman, who left us last September to be married. The other Bible-woman, Mikota san, had been employed as matron in the Kofu school during this year. Every effort has been made to supply their places, but without success. Okawa san and Ito san, graduates of the Azabu school, helped in the work for a time, but the former was married in November to one of our ministers, and Ito san's health made it necessary that she should give up visiting. At present we have no Bible-women except one old woman who receives half salary, and does what work she is capable of in two towns at

some distance from Shizuoka. The evangelistic worker in charge, together with one of the graduates of the school, hold meetings in Shizuoka and in four places outside of the city. As both are employed in teaching in the school in the mornings more outside work cannot be attempted until workers can be found to assist.

Children's meetings and meetings for women are held fortnightly at Shimada, Ejiri and Fujieda. In all, forty-six meetings for children have been held during the year, with an average attendance of forty-nine. We hope sometime to reach the parents by making friends with the children.

The attendance at most of the women's meetings is small, and the time for visiting is so limited that it is not easy to make new acquaintances. At Hirono about eight women attend, and this meeting is always encouraging, as they are so earnest and wide-awake. Two who attend are blind, one a young girl of about fifteen, the other a Christian woman some years older. Two old women, non-Christians, also attend, their daughters being earnest Christians. The opposition and dislike of one is giving way to friendliness and real interest; the other is so old and so steeped in ignorance and superstition that the truth seems to find no entrance whatever to her mind. In Shizuoka a weekly meeting for Old Testament study has been started. The attendance is not large yet, but those who come manifest a great deal of interest.

During the year 1,086 visits have been made, and 166 meetings held. Ten women have been baptized, and a few others have asked for baptism. We hope to begin the new year with a larger staff of workers, and to be able to report more work re-opened before Christmas.

KOFU.

School.—We report a year of progress in our school work. During the year we have had as many as sixty-four pupils enrolled, though we close with fifty-nine. Our sewing department, which we opened a year ago this spring, has proved a success in reaching some with the Word of Life which otherwise we could not have touched, and in keeping some of our students longer with us. But the students who come for sewing only are more apt to be fitful in their attendance and to leave after a shorter time than other pupils.

We have thirty-nine boarders and twenty daily students. We are glad to have so many boarders, as they come much more within the Christian influence of the school than do the daily students.

We found it necessary to use our appropriation for an addition to the school building, as our quarters were inconveniently small. The present building belongs to the Japanese founders of the school; we simply helped them to build it. They had no money to put in this new building and we felt that a different building agreement to the

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former one should be made ; consequently we give only the use of the new addition to the founders as long as we work together, and in case our connection be broken off, the building or its value must be returned to us. We hope it will be ready for use in plenty of time for the opening of the school in September. Miss Hargrave returns after the annual meeting to look after the building during the holidays.

This year seven girls were graduated, three of whom continue in the school as students. Out of the seven, two teach in the church Sunday School ; one has started a Sunday School in her village home (her father, although formerly a Shinto priest, having readily given permission) ; another teaches in the Sunday School in her village ; in the home of another graduate a woman's meeting is held. The graduate of whose work mention was made in last year's report still keeps up her Sunday School, with a good attendance. All the graduates of this school, up to date, are the daughters of rich or well-to-do people, most of whom are not Christians.

One of our seven Sunday Schools carried on in Kofu was dropped this spring for lack of workers. We report 247 sessions held, with an aggregate attendance of 7,958, an average of over 32.

Two of our girls were baptized this spring, just after graduating. We have noticed a quickening of spiritual life in the school generally ; our Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting has much improved, and there are some who during the year have learned to know Christ as a personal Friend and Helper. "Our help is in the name of the Lord," and He never fails.

Evangelistic.—As the time has come to put down "in black and white" something of our work among the women in Yamanoshi Province during the past year, we are glad indeed that our first thought, taking the year as a whole, is one of rejoicing that we are able to treasure the memory of happy and blessed experiences in all the work in which the Master has permitted us to share. Lack of space forbids a detailed statement. However, we trust that what follows may give an idea of the work in this branch.

Misses Hargrave, Lambly, Naito and Mrs. Wada have been associated together in evangelistic work. The first two have had duties in the school, giving only a part of their time to the outside work. Miss Naito is our regular Bible-woman, and it is a joy to see her develop and become more efficient. Mrs. Wada is not a regular Bible-woman, not being competent to take charge of a meeting, but she is a most faithful and valuable helper in our evangelistic work.

Owing to the floods in the fall, we were not able to begin our regular work until October, and so lost a whole month. We have had 177 meetings, with an average attendance of 14 ; 1,112 visits have been made, 547 at Christian homes and 565 at non-Christian homes ; and there have been thirteen baptisms and two requests for baptism.

Our visits at non-Christian homes have often resolved themselves

into small meetings, as after we got somewhat acquainted we endeavored to have the neighbor women called in. They would gather together in this informal way and listen, when they would not come out to regular meetings; and thus our circle of opportunity was widened through the help of non-Christian women.

We have had regular meetings in twelve places, some of them two hours' ride from Kofu—time which we have been loth to spend on the road, but which was unavoidable if the work among the women in those places was kept up. Over a year ago Miss Lambly began to teach two or three boys from Mr. Wada's school, in an English Bible-class in connection with the church Sunday School, where she went to teach the singing. This year the class has been continued, and is a source of encouragement and satisfaction to us all. The attendance has gradually increased—the last part of the year there have been fifteen in regular attendance. The majority are "Chu Gakko" (middle school) students; several are pupils from Mr. Wada's school. Four are earnest Christian boys, who also teach in the Sunday School—one a judge, one a doctor. The class meet at half-past nine Sunday morning, and nearly all remain for the regular church service.

Through the year we have been impressed with the fact that the daily life of the professing Christians here, as everywhere, is most important. The places where we have met the most discouragements are places where there are no working Christian women living, consequently we have been led out in special prayer that God will establish His own people in this land, and make them bold in their effort to reflect His grace and truth in their daily lives, and that He will also establish us in all good work and use us in any way to bring those around us to a knowledge of himself.

KANAZAWA.

Standing at the close of another year of work we feel that we have much cause for gratitude to the Father of all mercies, as we look back in review over the past twelve months. Dark clouds there have been at times of anxiety, disappointment and unfulfilled hopes and plans; but as whole it has been a bright, happy year in the work and among the workers. Our helpers this year number seven. The two teachers who live with their families in the Kawakami and Daijime schools, the embroidery teacher, the matron of the orphanage, two Bible-women and our interpreter who helps also in Sunday School work and children's meetings. The only enlargement in our work this year has been the opening of a new meeting which has been held monthly since the new year, and has brought out from ten to fourteen women of the better class who had never yet attended other services, and two of these we are glad to report as having expressed their desire to become Christians though they have not heard enough of the truth to be ready for baptism.

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Two weekly, one fortnightly and three monthly meetings have been held regularly among the women and two weekly meetings for children. The aggregate number of women enrolled in these meetings is about sixty. The attendance at the monthly meetings has been regular, but at the weekly meetings has been less than formerly, and we regret that there has been no baptisms through the year. The two or three women whom we had hoped to see coming into the Church this year were prevented by home circumstances from taking a public stand for Christianity.

Our work at the boys' school in connection with our church here has continued as usual. We have given four hours a week to English classes, one evening each week to the students socially, and have had a Bible-class on Sunday morning through the year. Although this part of our work is not included in direct women's work, we feel that the time thus given is well spent, furnishing as it does opportunity for personal work which is lacking in ordinary evangelistic work in stations like this where we have no girls' school.

Our orphanage now has eighteen inmates, and the children continue to develop and give promise of amply repaying the care and expense now being bestowed on them. Four new children have been received during the year and two have left the home—one, the eldest son of the matron, to enter the Normal School where he is supported by the Government; the other, a little girl, we have sent back to relatives who were found able to support her. We have refused a number of requests during the year, several of them coming from parents who were desirous of placing their unruly children with us to board, in order that they might be trained to become obedient studious children such as our orphans have attained a reputation for being. The children work at match work and embroidery out of school hours, earning thus enough to pay the matron's salary each month.

At the two Industrial schools the year has been a quiet, prosperous one. The Daijime school numbers sixteen in the match work and about the same in the night school, while the Sunday School has an enrolment of 134, the attendance varying from 70 to 120. At the Kawakami school, the new teacher and his wife who took charge of the school in November are proving very satisfactory, taking a great interest in the night school, sewing class and Sunday School work, and making themselves friendly among the people of the neighborhood. The reputation of the school is better than it has ever been, and though the number in the embroidery class is still comparatively small, there being but thirteen regular workers, yet we find it in many ways more satisfactory than a larger number under other conditions.

The night school numbers twenty-two and the Sunday School has an enrolment of fifty-five with an average of thirty-five. The mothers' meeting held monthly has been well attended, from fifteen

to thirty women and girls being present each time. Looking over the school roll for the last four years we find that sixty-five girls in all have been enrolled in our embroidery class. A few of these remained with us only a few weeks, but the majority of them stayed with us long enough to learn at least the principles of Christianity and to know somewhat of the Bible and what is meant by the Christian Sabbath. Four of the girls first entering have remained with us through these four years, another one has recently come in again after a few months' absence, and the contrast between these five girls and those newly entering is indeed marked. Though not yet Christians they have no longer any faith in their household gods or temple worship, and the Bible-woman who works among them feels very hopeful that they will some day take their stand as Christian young women.

In pioneer work such as is being done in these Kawakami and Daijime districts we cannot look for speedy results, for the work is little different from that done when first entering the country, when seven years elapsed before one convert was gained. We trust that the seed sowing being done may give a rich reaping in years not far distant. In the Kawakami district forty-three homes are visited regularly for Christian instruction. In the Daijime district there are twenty-three, and in other parts of the city fifty-three, giving a total of 127 homes, thirty-two of which have been opened this year. Seven hundred and ninety-seven visits have been made.

Resolved,—That we ask the Council of the General Board to reconsider the relative claims of the work in Fukui and Nagano, and to release us from our agreement to open work in Fukui in preference to Nagano City; also, that the preference be given to Nagano District with a view to opening work there as soon as we have a sufficient force of workers.

To this letter the Council replied that they concurred in our request to give the preference to Nagano instead of Fukui, and left us free to choose the city in which to open our school.

The Stationing Committee reported as follows:

TOKYO.

Miss Blackmore, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Munro, Principal of School; one new lady, school; Miss Hart, charge of evangelistic work; Miss Wigle, evangelistic work.

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Miss Preston, charge of evangelistic work; Miss Robertson, Principal of School; one new lady, work to be decided by the Branch.

KANAZAWA.

Misses Crombie and Belton, work to be decided by the Branch.

NEW WORK.

Misses Hargrave and Lambly, work to be decided by the Branch.

New work to be opened as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. Until that time Miss Hargrave to reside in Tokyo, and Miss Lambly in Kofu.

The name first given in each Branch is the name of the Corresponding Secretary for that Branch.

The Council of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Japan, now assembled in their tenth annual meeting, to the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society, greeting:

Now the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ.

I. S. BLACKMORE,

*Cor. Sec. of the Japan Council of the W. M. S.
of the Canada Methodist Church.*

WEST CHINA.

From this distant field we have a number of changes to report since last year, much cause for thankfulness in the way the work is opening up, and being able to welcome three new workers to this field, but sorrow in that we have been called to mourn the loss of our dear sister, Miss Ford. She was stricken down in the midst of her work, and on May 17th, just two years from the date of her first arrival in Chentu, and after a painful illness of nearly a month, our Father called her to himself. Looking at it from a human standpoint we would have said the work demanded her presence here, but He can make no mistake, and we can trust where we cannot trace. "She being dead yet speaketh," and we trust that Christ and heaven will be much more of a reality to those women among whom she loved to labor and tell the Gospel story because of her presence there. May she be able to welcome many to that land who first heard the plan of salvation from her lips.

Last year we reported the purchase of property. Could not get possession until September, when the work of alteration was begun at once, and as soon as windows could be put in a couple of rooms Miss Ford and I moved over. As it was decided that the native buildings should be used for hospital purposes, Mrs. Kilborn superintended this work, and made such alterations as she thought best for the needs of the work. The first work necessary on the other part of the property was to have it enclosed, so work was begun on the wall at once. As there was nearly five hundred feet of wall to build, and work does not progress very rapidly in this country, this and the gateway occupied the time until the end of the year, and now we have a substantial brick wall, twelve feet high, enclosing that part of the property, which we are told should last fifty or sixty years at least.

Drafts having arrived in December, and the appropriations reaching here in January, we were then able to go on with the work, and the school-rooms were the first building to be undertaken, as the room that was being used here for school purposes was required for a ward. This being finished in February, the 1st of March saw work begun on the Home, and it was progressing so well we hoped to have this and the "Ting" finished by the end of June, but all work had to be stopped while there was sickness in the house, and therefore the Home is just now being finished. You will thus see that much time has been spent in overseeing the building—quite a necessary part of the work—but other work has not been neglected.

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Mrs. Kilborn has sent you her report of the medical work, and for Miss Ford I would say that, beside helping in the regular dispensary work, much of the preparation for this work, as making ointments, etc., and the looking after in-patients fell to her lot, as being on the place all the time.

The school work is encouraging, as, beside the pupils who had been coming before we moved over, several new ones from this neighborhood have come in, and there are now thirty names on the roll, and for some months have had an average of twenty and over. When we remember that a rainy day will prevent nearly all from coming, this means that the daily attendance is usually many more. We now have four little girls with unbound feet in as boarding pupils and are expecting another at once, and with this number will be very much crowded for room until the dormitories are finished.

Regarding the Evangelistic work, we have kept up the practice of speaking to the women who remain after service at the chapel, and alternate Sundays have charge of that. Because of the time being so much occupied, have been able to do very little outside work, but the work within the compound has not been neglected. Beside the morning prayers in Chinese we have two evening classes a week—on Monday evening an Old Testament History and on Friday a Catechism class, and a Thursday afternoon class for women. Wednesday evening is the regular native prayer-meeting at the chapel, which all are expected to attend. Sunday afternoons the women and children of the neighborhood come in and a service is held for them, and there is usually an attendance of from thirty to fifty women, besides children, who otherwise would not hear the Gospel message, as they do not go over to the chapel, as short a distance as it is.

Tuesday afternoon of each week Mr. Hartwell holds a service here (the hospital waiting-room is used for this purpose) at which men and women are both welcomed. And last, but not least, is the teaching in the school, as half the time is devoted to Christian books and the Catechism, S. S. Lessons, Life of Christ, and "Santsi-king" (an epitome of the Scripture) are taught. This, of course, is the time for seed-sowing, nevertheless the joy of seeing some results is ours, as last spring among those who received baptism was the old woman who has been with us for some time—the *first woman* to receive baptism in our church in West China, and *five* from this side have put down their names as inquirers and several more seem interested. We know that "the Word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that whereunto it was sent."

A new department of work which has seemingly opened up is the Orphanage question. You have heard the circumstances under which the two babies we now have in the home were taken in, and similar circumstances have occurred since, but as we have no authority from

home to spend either time or money our hands have been tied. It was a wish very dear to Miss Ford's heart that Orphanage work should be started in connection with the other work here, and would it not be a good tribute to her memory to do this. The cost of a building would be very little as \$200 or \$300 would put up all that would be required.

It is unnecessary to say how gladly we welcomed the new workers sent out this year. Miss Foster, who arrived in January, is making good progress in the language, and we hope will ere long be able to take up the much needed work she was sent out for—evangelistic work. Since the dispensary has been opened again she has done the dispensing, and thus has been obliged to take up some work ere she has had much time for the study of the language. And again it was a joy to hear more reinforcements were coming in the persons of Dr. Killam and Miss Brooks, who arrived here in June, after a quick and pleasant journey up the river.

SARA C. BRACKBILL,

Chentu, July 5th, 1897.

Secy.-Treas.

REPORT OF MEDICAL WORK, 1896-97.

We did not obtain possession of the property purchased last year till Sept. 3rd, 1896. It was decided that the native buildings on the place be refitted and converted into a hospital. By refitting, I mean putting in floors and ceilings, glass windows in place of paper ones, and foreign doors to replace huge, native things on wooden hinges, and paint and whitewash everywhere. Refitting a native house practically means rebuilding without putting up the frame. Carpenters were set to work the next day after possession was obtained.

On Sept. 17th, Misses Ford and Brackbill moved into some of the rooms which will be used as wards, and on Nov. 23rd, 1896, the dispensary was opened and regular medical work begun.

Previous to getting possession of the property I had been doing a little medical work all the time, but as soon as the carpenters began work I gave my whole time and attention to looking after them. The work on the hospital is not yet completed, nor can it be till the home is finished and the hospital building all free. When the work is completed we will have a commodious and convenient hospital eminently suited to the needs of the work. It consists of consultation room, dispensary, store-rooms, guest room, general waiting room, study, operating room, instrument room, bath rooms, rooms for servants, kitchen and washing room, and four general and three private wards.

During this year I have paid forty-two visits to patients at their homes, and have seen in the dispensary 1,536 patients; have also done considerable work for foreigners outside our own mission, for which I have received taels 19.01.

On the evening of May 17th we were all saddened by the death of Miss Ford, of cerebro-spinal meningitis. She was taken ill very suddenly, and during her sickness she suffered much but was very patient through it all. We did all we could but God wanted her, and now she is at rest, and we are less one earnest worker for His suffering ones here. But He knows best. The hospital was closed during her sickness, as it was necessary that everything about the compound be kept as quiet as possible. Since Miss Ford's death Miss Foster has been assisting me in the dispensary.

Among the dispensary patients we have not been able to do as much evangelistic work as we could have wished owing to the fact that we have no Bible-woman. Tracts have been given to the women who can read, and picture-cards with scripture texts to the children. However, many words have been spoken, and many of those who have received treatment in the hospital have been led to come to the regular Sunday services.

We are honored in being engaged in this work of healing, and pray that as a result of our work many whose bodies have been made whole may be brought to a knowledge of the Great Physician.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

RETTA KILBORN, M.D.

Chentu, July 1st, 1897.

THE FRENCH WORK.

INSTITUT METHODISTE FRANCAIS.

The past session has been one of much anxiety and varied experiences. Scarcely were the new members of the staff fairly installed and the school in good working order, when illness broke out in the household of the Principal, and a month later spread among the pupils.

Epidemics of grippe, measles and diphtheria continued throughout the session until the directors finally concluded that it would be expedient to close the school a month earlier than usual.

Deep regret was felt by teachers and pupils that this step should be necessary, and the spring examinations, in consequence, dispensed with, for, in spite of illness and interruptions, earnest work had been done by the majority, as was proved by the sessional examinations.

One hundred and thirty-five applications for admission were received during the term, fully one-third of which came from Roman Catholics. Of this number, seventy-four entered, but there were several removals, among the Roman Catholics particularly, owing to the interference of the priests. The most encouraging feature of our work during the past session was the increased attendance of Roman Catholics, many of whom proved intelligent pupils. Several of them showed a strong interest in the Bible lessons and religious exercises, and ere the close of the school had publicly professed conversion to Protestantism.

The Sabbath School, Epworth League and Sunday evening services were continued as usual in our own chapel, but on Sunday morning the pupils were required to attend a French service at the West Mission Hall instead of the English service in Douglas Church, as formerly.

However, the Douglas Mission Band continued their generous assistance, and contributed greatly to the happiness of the students by providing a Thanksgiving treat and a Christmas-tree well laden with pretty and useful gifts for all.

Help was also given in the drawing classes and calisthenics by young ladies of the city.

Whilst the year proved a very trying one, and the burden laid on Mrs. Ross, our new superintendent of the household, seemed at times very heavy, we feel that we have much cause for thankfulness that the lives of all were spared, and that the session, though so broken in upon, was not without cheering and encouraging features.

The outlook for the coming year is very promising, as a large number of applications has been received, several of which are from

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Roman Catholics belonging to a more intelligent class than that from which our pupils have usually been drawn.

We earnestly hope and pray that we may be able to retain these students, and ere the spring see them brought out of the darkness and superstition of Romanism into the light of Christ's kingdom.

ISABEL G. MASTEN.

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION SCHOOLS.

Another year with its opportunities for faithful seed-sowing, and days of patient toil, has passed, and taking a retrospective glance we see to some extent, how God has nourished the seed and rewarded the toil. The work of the schools has been carried forward by the teachers with energy, perseverance, and faith in God.

Miss Fortier has had charge of the school at St. Theodore, which continued in session eight months. While the number of pupils was the same as last year, we have to report an advance in knowledge. Good progress has been made in the different subjects studied, one boy of twelve years being prepared to enter the Institute next term.

In the East End Mission School, Montreal, fifty-eight pupils have been registered, thirty-three of whom are of French origin. During the first four months Miss Matthieu taught the entire school, but in January Miss Desmarais was engaged as assistant teacher, allowing Miss Matthieu to devote the afternoon of each day to district visiting. Tracts and copies of the Gospel have been distributed, passages of Scripture read, words of hope and comfort given to the sick, and many new homes entered.

Mothers' meetings have been held with a variable attendance but with some degree of interest. Evidences are not wanting to prove that the Holy Spirit applies the truth, and that the seed sown brings forth fruit, although it may be "after many days."

It is a source of regret that many of the scholars are obliged to leave school and seek employment at an early age. In May some left to take employment as errand boys, others to learn trades; three of the older girls have taken situations as nurse girls, and two have commenced to learn dressmaking. The closing exercises in June proved satisfactorily that good progress had been made in the elementary subjects, particularly in Bible history. It is encouraging to know that two bright girls from this school will enter the Institute this fall.

The West End School opened apparently with many discouragements, but the record of the year warrants us in saying that the work has gone on steadily in spite of difficulties. An epidemic of measles interfered materially with the attendance. One hundred and nineteen names were enrolled; of this number six were Jews, thirty-two French-Canadians, and seventeen Irish Catholics; the daily average being fifty-one. Two of the most advanced pupils will continue their studies in the Institute next session.

About one thousand visits have been made during the year by Miss Anderson, who still continues her work among the sick, the needy and the friendless.

Miss Jackson writes: "One of the discouraging features is, that we have children coming and going at pleasure, the demoralizing influences of their home life being accountable for much of it. On the other hand there are those who would gladly attend, but are obliged to earn when the opportunity presents itself. It has been pleasing to note the number of Roman Catholic parents who are determined to have their children educated independently of the Church, yet we find it very hard to keep those who are under the influence of the priests. Miss Anderson, with much difficulty, persuaded several families to attend last winter, who appeared to be well pleased, but left, as it was a Protestant school.

"A Band of Hope, known as the 'La Reine' Band of Hope, has been organized in connection with the school, twenty-two children signing the pledge with the consent of their parents. One father, formerly a drunkard, sent a pledge signed, and expressed a wish to be a member with his children. The results we leave to Him whose commands we wish to obey."

The usual Thanksgiving treat, Christmas tree, and annual picnic were much enjoyed by the children and their parents.

Into our heavenly Father's keeping we commit the work of the year, praying that His Holy Spirit may apply the truths taught to the salvation of many souls.

L. H. MORTON.

F. H. KNOX.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH
M. W. TORRANCE, TREASURER.

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" Cost of French Institute	2400 00	
" Interest to General Missionary Society.....	600 00	
" Grant to St. Theodore	50 00	
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Montreal, October 1st, 1897.

M. W. TORRANCE, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF CROSBY GIRLS' HOME, PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

In presenting a brief statement of the work done in our Home during the past year, we are pleased to state there is reason for encouragement.

There has been a considerable increase in our numbers, and a decided interest has been shown by many of the parents and friends of the children. And a quiet, steady growth has been manifested in the Christian character and usefulness of the pupils under our care.

Faithful work has met with good results. The Lord has been very gracious to us, and we commit the work of the year to Him, hoping that the least effort to advance His cause in any direction, has received His approval and been followed by the Holy Spirit's influence.

The year has passed away all too quickly with its anxieties and encouragements, its planning and working, its trusting and praying, and with its many and great reasons for thankfulness. Among the children there has been a prevailing spirit of happy contentment, and the result has been *better work* and *more work*. And not since my coming to the Home have the children been so free from sickness and scrofulous sores as during the past year, Matilda being the only one that has caused us any anxiety.

Miss Clark and myself have each been laid aside from our work for a few weeks by sickness, but we know that these little trials are sent to purify us and make us fit for our Father's work and presence. We are safe in the midst of the flame if true to Him who has said, "Lo, I am with you always." For my own part, I hope that the coming year will make me a purer, truer and more Christ-like Christian than ever before.

There has been no special revival among the girls during the year, but we see evidences of renewed hearts in the consistent lives of many. In our Bible lessons, prayer and class meetings, as well as in our daily teachings, and in the Sabbath School, we endeavor to teach Christ through His word. And we know that heavenly influences are moulding the lives of the children into harmony with the divine will.

In the sewing department of our Home, Miss Clark has given the children very careful training in knitting, darning, patching, dress-making and fancy work, one evening in the week being devoted to

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the latter. In this part of the work the children are very much interested, but in each branch a decided improvement has been made during the year. The school work has gone on steadily, and good progress has been made, especially by the younger children.

Miss Paul is a very earnest and energetic teacher, sparing no pains in her work. Four of the girls are receiving instruction in instrumental music and are giving good satisfaction.

In the housekeeping department some of the girls excel and others are very trying, requiring a constant oversight, but all has to be done neatly and creditably.

As year after year passes away I recognize in my own heart a great and growing love for this work and people. It will be with much regret that I leave them when the time for my furlough arrives

One more year's work for Jesus,
How sweet the work has been,
To tell the story, to show the glory,
Where Christ's flock enter in.

J. REDNER.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1897

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$890 80	
From Treasurer	1350 00	
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Provisions, fuel and light, etc	\$1027 54	
Clothing	196 17	
Repairs, levelling ground, etc.	45 00	
Freight, cartage and wharfage	85 20	
School supplies, incidentals	27 25	
Salaries	1091 67	
Miss Beavis' travelling expenses	100 00	
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CHAS. M. RICHARDS.

REMITTED SINCE RECEIPT OF ABOVE REPORT.

Additional grant	\$200 00
Miss Beavis' travelling expenses	100 00
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REPORT OF COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE,
CHILLIWACK, B.C.

In looking over the past twelve months we notice advancement, both in the educational and industrial departments. We have at present 104 children in the Institute, while two girls and one boy are yet away for their vacation and one girl out at service. Our average for the conference year was 91.69, and we will report for this quarter 110 pupils in attendance. We are expecting more children after the hop-picking is over as several have been promised us; have received five since the Indians have come to the adjacent hop-fields. Two of these ran away over a year ago, and have asked to be taken into the school again; we have done so, thinking their experience has done them good, and also glad they are anxious to finish their trade. One of our little girls went home to her parents; she has had scrofula for years, and intended, when better, to come back to school, but died while away, her parents telling us she talked nearly all the time about the children and school. The general health of the children is very good; we often think it remarkable that with such a number we have so little serious illness.

We have two departments in the educational work, the senior and the kindergarten and primary. In the senior Miss Smith has the care of seventy-three pupils, one-half during morning session, the other in the afternoon. The children are gradually seeing the opportunities held out to them, and are showing greater interest in their studies. Several promotions from standard to standard have taken place during the year; they use the vertical system in writing and have taken up drawing during the past few months. Their drawing and copy-books are a model of neatness. The school is not classified according to the Indian programme of study, but they are using the British Columbia course of study which is more difficult, as it takes in anatomy, British and Canadian history, which is hardly touched in the former course. Since taking out the little ones for the kindergarten and primary, Miss Smith finds it much easier to teach, and the children are making more rapid progress. We have had several visitors who are interested in the education of Indian children. They are surprised to find these children speaking fluently in English, as in many Indian schools, one of the hardest things the teachers have to contend with in training children, is their persistence in using their own language.

The kindergarten and primary school under the control of Miss Scroggie, has in attendance from thirty-five to forty of the smaller children; the primary session is held one-half of each day, the kindergarten the other half. One is afforded real pleasure in visiting it, for the children are delighted with their work. Even the little ones

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who cannot speak our language yet are much interested with all the gifts and occupations of the kindergarten work. Ten children have been promoted from the primary into the senior department during the year, and a class of eight more are nearly ready for promotion.

In regard to the industrial work, the boys are taught farming with the care of stock, shoemaking, baking, cooking and gardening; they also keep their own rooms clean. The farm work is rather limited; the twenty acres is not sufficient to keep such a number of boys employed, though there has been great demand for our boys by the farmers living adjacent to us, which is helpful to them in the knowledge of farming.

Four boys are learning the shoemaking trade, and, under the instruction of Mr. Preston, make and repair all the shoes, besides doing some custom work for the people outside. The girls are taught gardening, cooking, sewing, housework, with the laundry work and soap-making.

In the sewing-room all the girls' clothing is made, and most of the boys', and all clothing repaired. The clothing is well made and neatly mended. The children take pleasure in doing their work thoroughly. We are intending to extend the sewing department by taking in dresses, etc., to make, and have several orders in already. Most of the larger girls are capable of assisting Miss Burpee, who is a qualified dressmaker. Three or four of the little girls, from five to seven years old, have pieced a quilt which we intend to exhibit at the Chilliwack fair, along with some knitting, darning, mending, sewing, etc.

The kitchen department, under Miss Young's management, is very satisfactory, the children showing greater interest in learning to cook. Both the boys and girls are anxious to learn all they can about baking, preparing and cooking food, etc.

In the laundry Miss Morden supervises all the washing, ironing, mangling and soap-making. The children are improving, and their work is both clean and neatly done. The work will be much easier when we have a proper dry-room.

While we are delighted with the advancement during the year, both in spiritual and temporal things, yet we feel there is a great work to be done before these children can possess their full inheritance in Christ; it means years of training for them, and years of patience and faith for the workers. As God's presence has gone with us all through the past year, we know that in the work before us His strength is sufficient.

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REPORT FROM KITAMAAT.

The natives, after looking on for four years at the work of our "Home" for boys and girls, are convinced it is a great lever to lift the children from degradation to Christian civilization. There are appeals to take into the "Home" more children than we can possibly accommodate. Our average is thirty. Ten sleep in an out-building and twenty in the mission house.

Last December chicken-pox was epidemic, and because of the number of children in the mission house we suffered somewhat severely. We are in utter need of a "home," a suitable building to accommodate thirty children. Every day we pray God to supply this need before another winter. Through the kindness of the Woman's Missionary Society, we were able to engage last fall, as assistant in the "Home," Miss Long, of Toronto, of whose zeal and love for the work, and tact in the management of children too much cannot be said. We are very grateful to the Woman's Missionary Society for aiding so nobly in this "Home" work.

THE CHINESE WORK.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE
RESCUE HOME, VICTORIA, B.C., 1896-97.

*To the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the
Methodist Church.*

LADIES,—We have much pleasure in submitting to you our first annual report of the Advisory Committee of the Chinese Rescue Home in Victoria, B.C. Appointed by you early in the year '96, and holding our first meeting in February of that year, we have held regular monthly meetings ever since with one or two exceptions, and much time and thought have been given to the interests of the Home by each member of your committee. The Home, which was originally intended for rescue work only, has developed into a basis of operation for other lines of missionary work as well, until now the school, into which a number of the children from Chinatown have been gathered, and also the evangelistic work are interesting as well as promising features of the work. Miss Bowes, the matron of the Home, is devoting herself with energy and efficiency to the duties of that important and often trying position. When the committee was first appointed there were five girls in the Home and subsequently three others have been gathered within its walls. Of these, two have gone out to service and one went to her husband; two left to go to China with their mother; another, a little girl, was taken away by a person claiming to be her mother, the legality of which claim, however, not being quite clear in the mind of your committee, investigation will be made which, it is hoped, will end in her being restored to the Home, while two girls still remain in the Home. One of these, Christine, sought the shelter of the Home scarcely a year ago, when turned out upon the streets of Victoria by her sister with no alternative before her except a life of shame. She has but recently returned from the hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis; consequently, though rapidly improving, she is still a partial invalid. The other, admitted to the Home in the latter part of August, was sent over from Vancouver where she had appealed to the Chief of Police for protection. An attempt is just now being made by the parties from whom she ran away, to regain possession of her through the courts. The matron, having employed one of the ablest lawyers in the Province, is encouraged by him to hope for a favorable termination of the case, it being clearly in evidence that she was kidnapped in China, sold in Westminster and held as a slave, she herself being present and hearing the whole transaction of the sale. While the

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good seed which we believe has been carefully and prayerfully sown in the heart of each of these girls may not, in every case, have yielded the good results we could have wished, and while in fact we have to grieve over the moral lapse of at least one of those who had gone out to service, upon whom much care had been expended, still there has been much to encourage and cheer in the consistent life of others, notably in the case of Christine, who, when told of the result of the doctor's consultation in her case, expressed herself as having no fear since she was in God's hands, and while in the hospital her patience, Christian fortitude and childlike confidence in Christ were subjects of frequent remark both among the other patients in the ward and the nurses. It is also satisfactory to notice evidences of Christian living among the girls who have been married from the Home, and as they with their little ones gather each week to the prayer-meeting conducted by the matron in the Home, each with her passage of Scripture carefully committed, one cannot but feel that a good work is in progress. With a view to developing the missionary spirit among them, Miss Bowes has organized a Mission Band comprising both the girls in the Home and the married girls, with Lillie Chan, the daughter of our Chinese missionary as secretary. This band meets once a month instead of the regular prayer-meeting. The girls already manifest a deep interest in the work, and by means of the mite-box are contributing regularly from their own small earnings. On Miss Wickett resigning in February, '96, her connection with the work of the W. M. S., Miss Morgan was appointed to succeed her in charge of the Home School, also to study the language and do evangelistic work among the women and children of Chinatown. This latter department of the work had so grown upon her hands that in March of this year the committee recommended that some one be employed to assist her in the school into which a number of Chinese children had recently been gathered as day pupils, in order to leave her with more time to devote to the evangelistic work. Accordingly Miss Churchill, a well-trained and thoroughly competent teacher, at the same time one deeply interested in missionary work, was engaged to teach three hours each school day. Then in order to meet the wishes of the parents of the children, viz., that the curriculum should include Chinese as well as English, Mrs. Chan was engaged to give lessons in Chinese two hours each afternoon, by which arrangement, too, we are enabled to keep the school open during the usual number of school hours, which was another desideratum. The development of this school has, we think, fully justified the hopes of its promoters, giving promise of much usefulness, for although the attendance may not seem large—there being an average now of eighteen in attendance—still we find it growing in favor and influence among the people, and work among a heathen nation like the Chinese, with so many superstitions to be overcome, must necessarily be slow. Miss Churchill

has proved herself of such value to the work that the Advisory Committee at its last meeting passed a resolution asking that she be regularly employed as an agent of the W. M. S. and appointed in charge of the school, and that Miss Morgan be left free for the evangelistic work and the study of the language. We trust the Board will see its way clear to accede to this request, since we feel it to be a step in the right direction. Miss Morgan has proved herself well adapted to the work of an evangelist, and already has the entrée of a large number of homes in Chinatown and in several she has permission to teach Christianity. Your committee feel that the outlook for the future in each line of work taken up is full of promise, and would recommend that there be no relaxation of energy in the prosecution of the work.

In the school the improvement is such as to be very encouraging. In the evangelistic work the opening of so many homes to the visits of the evangelist promises much for the future, and although there has been a falling-off in the number of girls rescued during the past few years, we think the causes are not hard to find. The vigorous rescue work carried on during the first years of the existence of the Home placed those engaged in the business of importing these girls on their guard, and has doubtless had the effect of diverting this class of emigration to other parts of the Province, whence they can return stealthily to Victoria, thus greatly enhancing the difficulty of arresting it through the Customs. But the most serious difficulty at present grows out of the fact that we have no missionary of the Methodist Church in the Province sufficiently conversant with the English and Chinese languages, manners and customs to assist in this work, and we are anxiously awaiting the action of the General Board upon a recommendation of the B.C. Conference in this behalf.

ALICE A. BETTS,

Sec. to Advisory Committee.

**SCHOOL AND EVANGELISTIC REPORT FOR CHINESE
WORK, VICTORIA.**

For Year ending July 31st, 1897.

Our day school for the children which opened February 8th, and which, since March 16th, has been in charge of Miss Churchill, closed for summer vacation June 30th. During the five months twenty-two names were registered, a number of these being free pupils. Sufficient fees (all but fifty cents) were received from those who paid to meet the salary of our Chinese teacher of \$6.00 per month. The average attendance during the spring months was not large, owing to

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whooping-cough breaking out among the little ones, and the withdrawal of the larger boys, either to go to the fisheries themselves or to relieve others who went from home. As we look back over this first attempt at a day school for the youth of Chinatown, we feel that our efforts have not been in vain. The people are more favorably disposed toward us than before, several of the leading merchants have patronized our school and we look for greater success in the future. I consider Miss Churchill of inestimable value in this work. Who can foretell the influence of Christian teaching on twenty-two children? In the dear Father's hands we leave the results.

The Evangelistic work during the year has been a repetition of what it was the first quarter, with the addition of new homes entered and thus increased responsibility. Repeated visits have in several cases resulted in admittance, but a few still decline having their wives called on by English-speaking women. Since January 38 new homes have been entered, making a total of 60 entered during the year. These homes represent over 80 women; of these, one died, two have moved away, and two homes I have not been allowed to enter the second time. Visits for the year among the Chinese women, Victoria, 641. In April a trip was made to Nanaimo where there are 6 Chinese women and as many children. In February I went to Vancouver and Westminster, and in May these two places with Steveston and Moodyville were also visited. On the last trip 3 new homes in V— were entered and 1 in Westminster. I found 2 Japanese women in M—, 6 in V— and 13 in Steveston. Visits on mainland during the year, 56. In March a Sunday School for the school children was started which has been fairly well attended. The Japanese Bible-class on Sunday at 3.30 p.m., at our Japanese Mission, sometimes numbered 28 during the winter. Visits have also been made at two Japanese boarding-houses, where women, arriving from Japan, await boats going to different points. Some of them have for the first time heard of Jesus, and take away with them tracts and other religious papers which come regularly from Japan for this purpose. We earnestly ask the prayers and sympathy of all our W.M.S. workers for the outpouring of God's Spirit on those who among these heathen women.

KATE MORGAN.

DONATIONS FOR CHINESE HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.

Rice—Mr. Hall, of Rice Mills.

Soap—Hard and toilet soap, Mr. Pendray.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary—Mrs. Williams, of Galt.

Drs. E. Hall and Hart.

Christmas Offerings—Mesdames Cleaver, Pendray, Burkholder, Siddall, Williams, Durham, Goodacre, Betts, D. Spencer; Misses Katie, Carrie, Annie, Serantis; Jubilee Hospital.

CHINESE GIRLS' HOME.

Financial Account from September, 1896, to September, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand	\$456 93	
From Treasurer Woman's Missionary Society.....	900 00	
" " Sewer connections and taxes	359 50	
" " Miss Churchill's salary	54 00	
" " Miss Morgan's Chinese lessons and trav. exp.	50 00	
Returned from Miss Morgan's expenses.....	12 00	
From School fees.....	29 50	
" Sale of books and donations.....	3 00	
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EXPENDITURE.

By salaries of matron and teacher	\$800 00	
" " Mr. Chan (5 months)	30 00	
" " Miss Churchill (3 months)	54 00	
" Miss Morgan, travelling expenses and Chinese lessons .	38 55	
" Sewer connections and taxes	359 50	
" Maintenance of Home	331 03	
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REPORT OF FIELD CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
W. M. S., 1896-97.

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

"Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.

"For this God is our God for ever and ever, He will be our guide even unto death."

Nerved by such an assurance and prompted by such a purpose, we are invited to another annual walk about our beloved missionary Zion, and though in places we may discover reasons for humiliation before God, yet we shall be very blind if we do not see indications of increasing strength and beauty, calling for devout gratitude and inspiring cheerful courage.

With a detailed report from each station it is needful now to take only a general view.

JAPAN.

Twelve missionaries have represented us through the year in Japan. Of these one has returned on furlough to Canada, and two new ones have recently been sent out. These, with Miss Robertson (who has gone back to her work after a year in the homeland), make fourteen—a small enough band to carry on the varied and extensive work already in operation in four cities, and to establish a Girls' School with all its wide-reaching influences in a new centre.

One hundred and seventy-two have been enrolled in the three boarding schools in Tokyo, Shidzuoka and Kofu.

The educational and evangelistic work still go hand in hand, or rather each department is both educational and evangelistic. The pupils in the schools and the native teachers, some of whom on entering were strongly opposed to Christianity, have not only been led to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour but as their King, and in obedience and love to Him have zealously gone to work in Sabbath Schools, in schools for the poor, in visiting the parents, and in various ways striving to bring others into "like precious faith."

Eight pupils and twenty-six in the evangelistic work have been baptized, and this rite is never administered till after not only careful instruction but after very clear evidence of the truth having been received in the heart. The advance in the divine life of the older Christian students has been marked by a growing regard for the Sabbath, self-denial for others, even of a coveted education for the sake of a burdened mother at home, an attendance at class of forty-three out of sixty-four, the engaging in Sunday School teaching of most of the senior pupils, the individual daily work of the King's

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Daughters, involving self-denial and systematic Christian liberality, and books of a religious character being more frequently selected from the library. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The record which comes from year to year of the sterling Christian character of those graduating in our schools, of their help to the missionaries and of individual work for Christ even when standing alone as His representative in a heathen home or village, call for profoundest gratitude.

Then the evangelistic work specifically is also educational, marked by systematic instruction and development of Bible-women and other helpers.

Over 600 meetings and 5,566 visits imply an amount of study and preparation under the guidance of the missionaries which must in itself produce in the workers engaged a more intelligent and robust type of Christians year by year. The outward effect is visible in neighborhoods and families as well as in individual cases. The records of some of these in the report from Japan are well fitted to encourage and to stimulate, and surely, if read, would awaken the sadly large number of professing Christians who, practically if not in words, say, "I am not interested in missions."

The two orphanages in Tokyo and Kanazawa are still a boon to needy ones who are being trained to industry and right living.

The King's Daughters' School of fifty poor children still proves a benefit to all concerned.

In Shidzuoka the comfort of the new building is very much appreciated. An addition to the Kofu school has been found necessary, and one of our staff has spent a good part of her summer's vacation in superintending its erection.

Is it all sunshine? Scarcely. It is not difficult to imagine a little of the pain caused by being obliged to drop a Sunday School or some other undertaking for want of workers; to lose some Bible-woman or promising student through marriage or removal; to find one apparently near the kingdom hindered. There are doubtless many discouragements which are never told, but the greatest depression that has come to our workers in Japan this year has arisen from the non-appointment of Mrs. Large to her former position.

In some quarters prejudice against the foreigner is waning and parents are desiring the benefit of their training for their children. Some are losing faith in their household gods, but the power of the Divine Spirit is needed to make the truth effectual, to bring into the kingdom those that are groping in the dark, and to refresh God's heritage.

CHENTU, SZ-CHUEN, CHINA.

- Let us imagine ourselves taking a trip to this distant field in company with our latest reinforcements, Miss Brookes and Miss Killam, M.D., who left Canada early last February and reached

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Chentu the latter part of June. What do we find on arrival? A fine property near the wall in the north-east quarter of the city, possession of which was obtained in September, 1896. A necessary expenditure was the enclosing of this property by a high brick wall. Some native buildings on the premises, after alterations and repairs under Mrs. Dr. Kilborn's direction, are well suited for hospital work, but had to be occupied by our missionaries until further buildings were erected.

The dispensary, opened November 23rd, 1896, has furnished the opportunity of ministering to 1,536 patients, and through the distribution of tracts and kind invitations many have come to the church services.

In February the school-rooms were finished, and we find a busy little company of twenty to thirty children, and what is still more gratifying *four* boarding students with unbound feet. The great hope of the Church is in those who have been trained in the Christian atmosphere of our school homes.

On the completion of the school our ladies had to provide for their own needs, and the Home, after some delays, was finished in July. This matter of building in West China is no trifle where everything is done on the premises, and all honor is due to Miss Brackbill for having so patiently and skilfully superintended these erections from the sawing of the logs to the completion of the whole.

On our arrival, though receiving a glad welcome from Miss Brackbill and Miss Foster, the latter having reached Chentu only in January, yet we are saddened by an empty chair. There had been one who had given promise of great usefulness, and whose heart was in the work, but she "was not for God had taken her." Miss Jennie Ford of cherished memory is the first of our numbers who sleeps in a foreign land awaiting the resurrection. "Her end was peace," and "her works do follow her."

The little waif of a few weeks old, cast out for any fate that might happen from dogs or men, rescued and adopted by Miss Ford who designed to train her up for usefulness in some department of the Church, if not to take up the duties which she might be obliged to lay down, appeals not only to our pity, but is an instance of the opportunity awaiting our W. M. S. to rescue these perishing ones and train them up for God.

Another of two years is being cared for and supported by Miss Brackbill, and still another of thirteen years, an orphan, turned out by her relatives after failing to obtain 1000 cash (about fifty cents) as purchase money, has been brought in, Miss Brookes proposing to support her as a boarding school girl.

From thirty to fifty women, besides children, attend the Sabbath afternoon service, and meetings during the week for the study of the Bible and prayer are attracting enquirers.

The first woman baptized in our Canadian mission is an active and valued helper in our work.

CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Girls' Home in Victoria has had a year of checkered experience, as to numbers, but has abundantly shown the value of its existence, if only as the gathering place for the spiritual nurture of those who have married from it, and who constantly need and receive a motherly oversight. Its doors, too, require to be open for the shelter of any desiring to escape from the cruelty of oppressors or the bondage of a life of sin.

It is lamentably true that not only in China, but in our own Christian Canada, precious human lives are a commodity for barter, and, while the evil is perpetrated with comparative ease, the deliverance of these down-trodden ones is surrounded with great difficulties.

One young girl, of fourteen or sixteen, has recently been brought from Vancouver; and although the judge has committed her to the continued care of the Home, yet litigation does not seem to be at an end.

Another, of her own free will, presented herself at the Home, receiving a glad welcome; and has been most kindly cared for during a long and serious illness.

And here it might be well to acknowledge, with most earnest thankfulness, the indebtedness of our Society to the kind and skilful offices of not only Dr. Hall, in this particular case, but of the members of the medical profession in all our stations, who have so generously ministered to the suffering ones connected with our schools and homes.

Many thanks are also due to the firm of Messrs. Hall & Ross, who have, year by year, from the opening of the Home to the present, supplied all the rice required.

This season has witnessed the accomplishment of the desire of many years, namely, the opening of a day-school in the Home for Chinese children. Since February 8th, twenty-two have registered, and their fees have been almost sufficient to pay the salary of a Chinese teacher. This little school is opening the way to the hearts of some of the parents.

Thirty-eight new homes have been entered since January by our evangelistic worker, Miss Morgan, which, with those previously accessible, make a total of sixty, representing eighty women and 641 visits.

Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster, Steveston and Moodyville have also been visited, and the Chinese women sought out. At the same time the Japanese have not been overlooked, and thus we

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INDIAN WORK.

The Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, B.C., reports an increase in numbers, there having been thirty resident most of the year; a steady growth in Christian character and usefulness; a spirit of contentment, resulting in more and better work; an improvement in the school and domestic departments, and a greater interest shown by parents and friends.

Through the illness of two of the teachers the work at times has been a heavy strain, but the outlook is encouraging, and increased prosperity is anticipated.

The devotion and untiring labor of the nurses supported by the Woman's Missionary Society, in Dr. Bolton's hospital at Port Simpson, have been much appreciated, and no one can estimate the far-reaching results of their kind acts and judicious words, when ministering to the sick and afflicted.

COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE, CHILLIWACK, B.C.

This institution, maintained jointly by the General Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, has had a prosperous year.

Advancement has marked both the educational and industrial departments.

One hundred and seven Indian children have been enrolled, and more are expected. The British Columbia course of study is followed, which is more extended and difficult than that prescribed for Indian schools. The use of the English language is more general.

The kindergarten system has proved successful, and there have been steady promotions from one department to another.

While the boys are trained in out-door work and some household arts, the girls are engaged in various domestic duties, for which they are showing aptitude, and in which they are making very satisfactory progress.

KIT-A-MAAT, B.C.

The Home for Indian children at this point, under the management of Rev. Mr. Raley, but receiving a grant from the Woman's Missionary Society, has furnished shelter, food, clothing, instruction, and all kindly Christian influence to about thirty boys and girls.

FRENCH WORK.

Owing to successive attacks of illness in the French Institute at Montreal, the session was shorter even than usual, but there were encouraging features in the work. One hundred and thirty-five applied for admission, seventy-four entering. One-third were from Roman Catholic families, but some of these were subsequently withdrawn through priestly interference.

A strong interest was shown in the Bible and religious exercises, some publicly professing conversion.

The present term begins with encouraging prospects.

In the East and West End schools much good seed has been sown; and also by the Bible-women in their house-to-house visitation, and their hearts have been cheered by many instances of accompanying blessing.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The usual grant to the Methodist Orphanage in St. John's has carried help and benediction to a number of girls of whom we know little, but hope much.

This annual review of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society would be lacking were no regretful mention made of the withdrawal from its supervision of the one who, for almost the whole period of its existence, has devoted so much time, thought, prayer, means and influence to the furtherance of its interests. Mrs. James Gooderham, our President, has during the year resigned her position. We greatly miss her counsel and help, but pray that strength and wisdom may be given her for future years of usefulness in the service of the Master.

And now, having taken our survey, "let us arise and build," with the prayer that "the God of heaven may prosper us."

E. S. STRACHAN, *Field Cor. Sec.*

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In Memoriam.

MISS JENNIE M. FORD,

Whose death on the mission field in China has been so widely deplored, was the daughter of Mr. John Ford, at present a resident of Milwaukee, Wis., and the grand-daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Ford, who was a member of the first Methodist class formed in Peterboro', Ont., and who for many years, up to the period of his death, held official position in connection with the Methodist Church in that town.

She was born in Ontario, but when very young removed with her parents, first to Chicago and afterwards to Milwaukee. She very early manifested those qualities which form what may be called an inherited tendency toward the religious life; and this was cultivated by the influence of a Christian home, and fostered by the influence of Church and Sunday School. Small wonder that when but a child she consecrated herself to God and began the service of Jesus. The seed of the Word found fertile soil in her heart, and the growth toward fruition was rapid and strong. It was not, however, all smooth with her. Her faith had periods of darkness and seasons of gloom; it was cooled and diminished by chilling wintry winds and scorching summer droughts of affliction and doubt. These, however, only seemed to make the growth of Christian character more sturdy and stalwart. She was naturally of a studious disposition, and she became a diligent student of the Word of God. That Word became her counsel and her guide. Her familiar acquaintance with it was the sword with which she repelled the darts of evil.

Some years ago, recovering from a very severe illness, she came, for rest and change of air, on a visit to her uncle, Rev. W. J. Ford, of the London Conference. In that home, the children of which had been taken away by death, she settled down, and as it were took root. Congeniality of taste and habit brought forth love, and she became from that time as the daughter of the house. She delighted in all forms of Christian work that came to hand, and in the choir, Sunday School and Epworth League, she was ever ready and always helpful. Anxious to be independent and self-sustaining, in 1889 she took a position with R. Lewis, Esq., of London, as assistant book-keeper, a position for which her education and training well fitted

her. She frequently mentioned and gratefully remembered the many acts of kindness which she received from Mr. Lewis both during her employment with him and afterwards. It was while she was in London that her mind was strongly led out toward mission work, in which she had always manifested a keen interest. It was about that time that our medical mission in China was instituted, and a conversation she had with Dr. Hart, prior to his going out as head of that mission, decided her to offer herself and prepare for that work. In preparation for it she spent two years in the city hospital in London, from which she graduated as a professional nurse in the spring of 1894. After a few months spent in visiting her friends and recruiting her strength, in the autumn of that same year she hopefully bade good-bye to loving friends whom she would never see more on earth, and set out for the distant mission field in Chentu, China. After a short two years of difficult, and arduous, and anxious toil, just as the first difficulties were being overcome and she was beginning to master the intricacies of the language, she was called home to be with God. The circumstances connected with her last illness and death have been published and are known to most of those interested. Suffice to say that across a channel of fierce and fiery pain—conscious of the pain but unconscious of the gentle ministrations of loving friendship that would fain have assuaged it—she passed to be glorified with Him whom she served, who suffered and is now glorified. And so she lies in that far-away land, alien skies canopying her grave and strange flowers blooming about it, to await the day when His own shall be gathered from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. And thus has she gone, deeply mourned in her father's house, by parents, and brothers, and sisters, and leaving a dull, blurred spot of sorrow upon the joy of that other cheerless home which she so long cheered with her presence.

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REPORTS FROM BRANCHES.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1896-97.

The year just closed has had a record of faithful work done for the Master, even though we have for the first time to report a decrease in funds. The Department of Systematic Giving has been taken up. The Superintendent's report was encouraging. We trust its good effects will be felt in all our churches in the near future.

Another missionary has gone out from our Branch to work in Japan. While we were thankful, a note of sadness mingled with our songs of rejoicing as we remembered that one of our missionaries who had gone out from us had been called from her loved work in China to her home beyond. The little one she had taken we felt to be a trust committed to us, and the Church sending her out are endeavoring to arrange for her support.

We report 90 Auxiliaries; annual members, 2,044; life-members, 92; total membership, 2,134; increase, 99; Mission Bands, 23; Mission Band members, 837. Sent Branch Treasurer, \$5,537.93; sent General Treasurer, \$5,445.77; decrease, \$126.98. Four new Auxiliaries have been organized--Chatham (Victoria Street), Dresden, Ethel and White Oak.

E. CUNNINGHAM.

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1896-97.**

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1896-97.	Number of Life- members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
London District—					
London—First Church	98	20	118	41	£654 14
—Dundas Centre	80	13	93	22	390 31
—Wellington Street	47	3	50	15	160 80
—South	53	1	54	20	159 78
—West	42	..	42	18	132 18
—Centennial	29	..	29	5	99 20
—Colborne Street	27	..	27	15	78 69
Arva	19	..	19	9	34 90
Baker's	10	..	10	5	54 92
Centenary	11	..	11	6	11 60
Sharon	14	..	14	8	60 00
Lambeth	25	1	26	12	125 00
Siloam	15	..	15	..	17 45
Salem	15	..	15	6	53 12
The Grove	11	..	11	6	11 00
Thorndale	10	..	10	7	16 97
Westminster	29	..	29	12	87 00
White Oak	11	..	11	..	11 00
Stratford District—					
Bethel	19	..	19	11	58 04
Carlingford	15	..	15	6	20 84
Fullarton	15	..	15	7	65 79
Kintore	7	..	7	..	12 37
Listowel	28	..	28	14	107 50
Mitchell	36	5	41	12	112 20
Milverton	30	..	30	9	58 00
St. Mary's	41	5	46	16	93 76
Wingham District—					
Wingham	31	..	31	10	62 50
Brussels	23	..	23	15	49 81
Ethel	13	1	14	9	12 04
Gorrie	17	2	19	18	24 00
Kincardine	18	2	20	10	26 00
Teeswater	30	..	30	16	59 72
Whitechurch	18	..	18	..	36 00

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE
BRANCH—Continued.

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AUXILIARIES.

	Number of Annual Members, 1896-97.	Number of Life- members.	Total membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Goderich District—					
Goderich	34	1	35	11	\$120 00
Auburn	11	..	11	4	11 00
Brucefield	10	1	11	..	18 65
Clinton—Rattenbury Street	45	4	49	15	85 00
—Ontario Street	13	2	15	8	29 15
Dungannon	21	..	21	8	24 00
Holmesville	20	1	21	9	33 58
Nile	17	..	17	10	17 00
Seaforth	16	1	17	13	28 00
Varna	11	..	11	8	20 06
Exeter District—					
Exeter	30	4	34	12	62 65
Cooper's	12	1	13	..	42 55
Claudeboye and Nursery	16	..	16	8	19 32
Centralia	21	..	21	..	28 72
Granton	21	..	21	10	36 71
Hensall	22	..	22	10	35 56
Kirkton Circuit	46	..	46	11	112 95
Ilderton	32	..	32	12	96 63
Lucan	11	1	12	7	12 00
Wesley	14	..	14	6	35 97
Strathroy District—					
Strathroy	36	1	37	11	49 92
Melbourne	21	..	21	..	38 81
Petrolia	31	..	31	12	43 60
Watford	16	2	18	9	89 00
Sarnia District—					
Sarnia	38	3	41	9	101 14
Alvinston	9	..	9	6	9 00
St. Clair, Indian Mission	8	..	8	6	11 00
Windsor District—					
Windsor	29	1	30	11	68 00
Essex	19	..	19	6	40 57
Kingsville	28	..	28	8	34 80
Rochester	6	..	6	7	8 55
Woodslee South	10	..	10	9	16 03

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**STATISTICAL REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE
BRANCH—Continued.**

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1896-97.	Number of Life- members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Chatham District—					
Chatham	43	..	43	22	\$161 60
Chatham—Victoria Avenue .....	..	..	..	..	..
Blenheim .....	..	..	..	..	10 00
Charing Cross	26	1	27	6	64 00
Dr sden	15	..	15	..	17 35
Ridgetown District—					
Ridgetown	27	1	28	10	29 82
Florence	4	..	4	4	4 83
Glencoe	17	..	17	6	26 35
Highgate	28	..	28	12	66 25
Hull's	12	1	13	..	23 19
Newbury	10	..	10	5	12 37
St. Thomas District—					
St. Thomas—First	45	8	53	21	168 79
—Grace Church	23	..	23	11	74 98
—Central	40	..	40	..	97 32
Aylmer	27	2	29	12	62 71
Brownsville	26	..	26	11	76 00
Corinth	25	..	25	..	36 05
Fingal	17	..	17	9	26 00
Grovesend	10	..	10	6	14 00
Muncey, Indian Mission	9	..	9	5	20 00
Port Stanley	7	..	7	5	11 75
Sparta	21	..	21	10	28 00
Straffordville	16	..	16	8	23 31
Town Line	9	..	9	5	19 32
Union	11	..	11	7	18 75
Yarmouth Centre	15	1	16	14	18 87
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TREASURER'S REPORT OF LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 20th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand, September 20th, 1896	\$30 00	
Interest on bank deposit	1 37	
For support of Bible-woman in Japan	60 00	
Donation from Rev. Mr. Haylock	2 00	
Donation from Wingham District	1 00	
From Auxiliaries and Mission Bands	5,443 56	
Collection at Branch Meeting	29 76	
		\$5,567 69

EXPENDITURE.

Remitted General Treasurer	\$5,445 77	
President—Travelling, postage	\$5 85	
1st and 3rd Vice-Presidents—Travelling	5 20	
Corresponding Secretary—Printing, travelling, etc	17 25	
Recording Secretary	2 60	
Treasurer	2 85	
Mission Band Secretary	8 84	
Superintendent Systematic Giving	20 80	
Conference Organizer	3 00	
District Organizer	5 55	
Room 20	4 79	
Speaker for Branch Meeting	10 00	
Printing, advertising, etc	11 85	
Postage, exchanges on drafts, etc	15 06	
Janitor at Branch Meeting	2 00	
Balance expenses Branch Meeting, 1896, over collections	3 97	
Balance cash on hand	2 31	
		121 92
Total		\$5,567 69

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Members' fees	\$2,044 00	
Life-members' fees	200 00	
Mission Bands	868 45	
Epworth Leagues	136 82	
Mite-boxes	483 17	
Easter Thank-offering	202 60	
Public meeting, donations and other sources	1,602 89	
Collection at Branch Meeting	29 76	
		\$5,567 69

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JOHN BAIRD, Auditor.

MARY L. CROTHERS, Treasurer.

Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.

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SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Grace Church Mission Band and Epworth League, for support of Laura Taylor, Chilliwack.....	\$25 00
Watford Auxiliary and Epworth League, for support of Bible-woman, Japan	50 00
Wingham Epworth League, for Kit-a-maat.....	5 00
Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles, London, for Bible-woman in Japan	60 00
Mrs. Kennedy's class, First Methodist Church, London, in memory of Miss Ford.....	9 05
Miss Code's legacy	50 00

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

HELD IN PARK STREET CHURCH, CHATHAM, OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, 1897.

The first session opened at 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, Mrs. Burns, St. Thomas, President, in the chair, seventy-three delegates being in attendance.

After routine the President gave her address, which she asked to be allowed to give in the form of a talk as of a mother to a family from whom she had been separated for a year. It was an affectionate greeting, full also of helpful suggestions for the delegates.

Sister societies sent us God-speed in the person of Mrs. Young (Presbyterian), Mrs. Grigg (Baptist), and Miss Reddick for the W.C.T.U., to which Mrs. Fowler gracefully replied.

The address of welcome was an affectionate greeting, and was given by Mrs. W. Taylor, being replied to on behalf of the delegates by Mrs. McMechan.

The afternoon session closed with the communion service, the elements being dispensed by Revs. Baker, Crews and E. I. Hart. It was a tender and solemn preparation for the future work of the Convention.

The evening meeting was largely attended and full of interest. At 7.30 p.m. a choir of young girls, under the leadership of Dr. Davies, sang with precision and sweetness a number of spirited hymns, their bright faces forming a pleasing tableau in the gallery.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, showing faithful work, though we regret a slight decrease in finances. These reports will be found elsewhere.

The address of the evening was the lecture by Rev. E. I. Hart, on "John Chinaman." It was full of instruction and interest, being lighted up with gleams of both humor and pathos. The beautiful specimens of Chinese decorative art exhibited were much admired, especially the needlework representation of the "Feast of Lanterns."

Wednesday morning was devoted to Committee work. As the memorials reappear in the proceedings of the General Board, the decisions are summarized. The notices of motion as previously published in *Guardian* were accepted as follows:

Re Constitution of Board of Managers, the second notice on page 15 Annual Report received the endorsation of the Convention.

Re Establishment of a paper in the interests of the W.M.S. (Accepted.)

Re Mission Bands to provide for a 25-cent fee for Circles, and 10-cent for Bands. (Accepted.)

All the clerical changes recommended by the Executive Committee were accepted, with the exception of the one defining the duties of the Treasurer.

The notice asking that Branches whose income is less than \$2,000.00 be represented by the President or one delegate, was rejected, as was also the notice to provide for Associate members on payment of a 25-cent fee.

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The following emanating from the Branch was accepted :

Resolved,—That after returned missionaries have taken their usual rest they be sent to different centres, where they would be available to the small towns and country Auxiliaries.

A resolution looking to the reduction of delegation at the Branch meetings was rejected, as was also one to omit the names of Auxiliary members from the Annual Report.

It was resolved to pay the expenses of the Superintendent of Systematic Giving from the Branch funds ; also that a by-law be inserted in those of the Branch, providing for the appointment of a Visiting Committee in each Auxiliary.

The memorial service on Wednesday was an affectionate tribute to the life and work of our "Promoted" members. Sixteen names were brought before the Convention, among them that of Miss Ford, our missionary to China, who had gone from this Branch. It was stated that the little babe adopted by her previous to her death would be cared for and educated by a class in the First Methodist Church, London.

Mrs. Tennant's report on the progress of systematic giving showed that a large proportion of the Auxiliaries had adopted this method and had appointed local superintendents for the department. Her paper at the evening meeting of Thursday was an inspiration to all, and is sure to bear fruit in faithful effort along the line indicated, viz., A tenth is the Lord's. Thank-offerings should be over and above this amount.

A model Auxiliary was conducted by Mrs. G. Wright in the absence of Mrs. Dickson through illness. This was a bright and helpful illustrative exercise, and so thoroughly was it entered into that some of the delegates accepted as the business of the Convention what was only intended to convey a lesson.

Thursday morning included the adoption of reports and a few unimportant resolutions.

Report of Conference Organizer read by Mrs. Cunningham in the absence of Mrs. Bond.

The nomination for Conference Organizer resulted in the abolishment of this office. As the work is being so thoroughly looked after by the District Organizers it was thought to be no longer necessary.

Thursday evening included the report of the Supply Committee, and an open conference led by Mrs. Cunningham on Auxiliary and Mission Band work, a number of ladies taking part. The question drawer answered by Mrs. G. Wright and Mrs. Evans at the afternoon session was continued at this conference, especially in the line of systematic giving. The work of the organizers was specially commended.

The prize banner was won for the second time by the Sarnia Mission Band.

The Convention closed with the customary votes of thanks, to meet next year in Goderich.

The following are the results of the elections :

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, St. Thomas.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	" (Dr.) Fowler, London.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	" Dickson, London.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	" (Dr.) Eccles, London.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" McMechan, London.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" Cunningham, Kincardine.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" T. Crothers, St. Thomas.
<i>Mission Band Corresponding Secretary</i>	Miss Etta Webster, London.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mr. John Baird, St. Thomas.
<i>Superintendent of Systematic Giving</i>	Mrs. J. H. Tennant, London.
<i>Delegates to General Board</i>	Mesdames McMechan, Evans and Fowler, London ; Mrs. Harrison, Granton. Mrs. Risdon, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Russel, London—Alternates.

DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

<i>London</i>	Mrs. T. Evans.
<i>Stratford</i>	" J. E. Burton, Listowel.
<i>Wingham</i>	" Muxworthy, Teeswater.
<i>Goderich</i>	" Leech.
<i>Exeter</i>	" John Paisley, Ilderton.
<i>Strathroy</i>	" Van Alstyne, Petrolia.
<i>Sarnia</i>	" Hayhurst, Wyoming.
<i>Windsor</i>	" (Dr.) Gifford, Essex.
<i>Chatham</i>	" Baker.
<i>St. Thomas</i>	" John Risdon.
<i>Ridgetown</i>	" Scatcherd, Newbury.

A. G. McMECHAN, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Most of our Mission Band workers have realized this past year the force of the following terse sentence, "Be not simply good; be good for something." Every Band reporting successful work represents a membership of active, earnest, zealous workers, for at the present day the young people have more hindrances to their work, many more difficulties with which to contend than those more advanced in years.

The deplorably numerous young people's societies overlap in their work, which frequently creates trouble and injures alike work and workers.

As a Branch we should fully appreciate the efforts of our Bands, and should aid them in solving the problem of scattered forces in order to have more concentrated, unified power. We must "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."

Twenty-three Mission Bands report membership and income, one of these, Brigden, having been organized during the year. Amherstburg and Salem are organized ready for work this year.

Total number of Mission Bands	23
" " " Band members	837

LONDON CONFERENCE MISSION BANDS.

- AYLMER.—Pres.,.....; Sec., Miss Sadie Whiteside.
- * AMHERSTBURG.—Pres., Miss Ida Bratt; Sec., Miss Edith Whitehouse.
- * BRIGDEN.—Pres., Miss Lizzie Hayne; Sec., Miss Cecil Johnston.
- DUNGANNON.—Pres.,.....; Sec.,.....
- ESSEX.—Pres., Miss Ada Pascoe; Sec., Miss Annie Hicks.
- GODERICH.—Pres., Mrs. Edge; Sec., Miss Ethel Vanatter.
- ILDERTON.—Pres., Miss Olive Charlton; Sec., Miss Maud Smith.

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LONDON (FIRST METHODIST).—Pres., Mrs. Screamton ; Sec., Miss Harriet Powell,
90 Kent Street.

(DUNDAS CENTRE).—Pres., Mrs. Beal ; Sec., Miss Tarry, Cartwright
Street.

(SOUTH).—Pres., Miss Hilda Westman ; Sec., Mrs. John Ward.

(WELLINGTON STREET).—Pres., Miss Allen ; Sec., Miss Ethel Graham,
573 Horton Street.

(WEST).—Pres., Mrs. James Elson ; Sec., Miss Mary Robb.

(COLBORNE STREET).—Pres., Sec.,

LISTOWEL.—Pres., Miss G. Crich ; Sec., Miss Ida Morris.

ST. THOMAS (FIRST METHODIST).—Pres., Miss Winnie Graham ; Sec., Miss K.
Wyatt.

(GRACE CHURCH).—Pres., Miss Sophie Nash ; Sec., Mrs. J. C.
Clark, Box 284.

(CENTRAL).—Pres., Mrs. K. O. Warner ; Sec., Master Victor
Sparkman.

SARNIA.—Pres., Mrs. Luscombe ; Sec., Miss Louise Matthews.

STRAFFORDVILLE.—Pres., ; Sec., Master Clinton Ford.

SEAFORTH.—Pres., Miss Minnie Atkinson ; Sec., Miss Minnie Beattie.

* SALEM.—Pres., ; Sec., Miss Daisy Thompson.

TEESWATER.—Pres., Mrs. J. W. Field ; Sec., Miss Edna Nixon.

WINDSOR (Circle).—Pres., Miss Kate Gundy ; Sec., Miss Wilhelmine Everitt.

" (Baad).—Pres., ; Sec., Miss Minnie Baxter.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

MISSION BANDS.	Total Number of Members.	Total Sum from Members' Fees.	Amount paid Auxiliary Treasurer during year.
* Amherstburg .....	..	....	....
Aylmer	37	\$9 25	\$25 25
* Bridgen	8	2 04	....
Chatham (Donation) .....	..	....	50 00
Dangannon .....	..	....	1 05
Essex	18	4 50	18 82
Goderich	64	25 00	33 00
Ilderton	9	....	10 25
London—First Methodist	123	46 50	238 63
—Dundas Centre	34	8 50	158 35
—South	79	17 25	71 55
—Wellington Street	33	13 00	55 00
—West	45	10 00	38 02
—Colborne Street	23	....	18 62
Listowel	29	7 25	19 50
St. Thomas—First Methodist	50	12 25	39 67
—Grace Church	36	9 00	34 00
—Central	55	13 96	15 51
* Salem .....	..	....	....
Sarnia	84	20 50	28 00
Straffordville	28	7 21	7 21
Seaforth	11	2 75	....
Teeswater	16	....	14 22
Windsor	25	6 25	14 00
" (Juvenile)	30	7 50	8 00
EPWORTH LEAGUES.			
Baker's .....	..	....	10 00
Brownsville .....	..	....	2 88
Charing Cross .....	..	....	1 70
Granton .....	..	....	4 04
Mitchell .....	..	....	30 00
St. Mary's	25 00
Watford	25 00
Wingham	5 00
Yarmouth Centre	3 00
Total	837	\$1005 27

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HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1896-97.

In presenting our report for the past year we necessarily bring before you old things as well as new. Each passing year carries with it a record similar in its general outlines to that of the preceding one—encouragements and discouragements, growth and decline, new life and death—and this year proves no exception.

In reports of our Auxiliaries we find the same cheering and adverse aspects recorded, but we rejoice that the encouragements stand out more prominently, and that, as a whole, the work has taken a very perceptible step in advance.

Thank-offering services have become a prominent feature in our Branch, and are found of great value in stimulating the interest and in increasing the membership.

We are glad that Miss Cartmell has been able to visit so many of the Auxiliaries. They report that her addresses have given much help and inspiration as well information.

Conventions have been held in nearly all the districts and good work accomplished by our faithful organizers.

We are pleased to report the following new Auxiliaries: Wilsonville and Bealton; Zion, Alma Circuit; Louth and Grantham; Ridgeway; Bethel, Canboro' Circuit.

Number of Auxiliaries	100		Increase....	5
" " Annual members.....	2057		" 	31
" " Life-members	158		" 	8
Total membership	2215		" 	39
Number of Mission Circles and Bands ..	37		Decrease....	5
" " Members	1136		" 	72
Total membership, including Mission Circles and Bands	3351			
Amount raised by Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands \$5,069 07				
Total income from all sources..... 5,191 90				
Remitted to General Treasurer				
			5,038	48

A. HARDY, *Cor.-Sec.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members, 1896-97.	Number of Life- members, 1896-97.	Total Membership, 1896-97.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer, 1896-97.
Hamilton District—					
Binbrook	10	..	10	6	\$16 26
Bartonville	11	..	11	6	34 00
Caledonia	27	..	27	18	34 40
Dundas	42	11	53	13	150 27
Hamilton—Centenary	42	33	75	18	361 17
—Wesley	54	13	67	28	231 32
—First Church	59	2	61	23	308 41
—Gore Street	23	1	24	12	54 00
—Zion Tabernacle	21	1	22	12	36 26
—Hannah Street	24	..	24	9	57 70
—Barton Street	8	..	8	6	12 15
Ker (Abingdon)	19	1	20	14	29 00
Stoney Creek	35	1	36	12	67 76
Guelph District—					
Acton	13	3	16	8	23 95
Belfountain	4	..	4	4	4 00
Elora	13	..	13	8	18 00
Ennotville	6	..	6	3	19 85
Fergus	15	2	17	8	40 42
Guelph—Norfolk Street	36	4	40	18	79 13
—Dublin Street	32	1	33	20	64 16
Georgetown	24	..	24	11	63 30
Rockwood	10	1	11	7	22 40
St. Catharines District—					
Beamsville	21	..	21	8	27 90
Grimsby	15	2	17	11	21 80
Niagara Falls	24	2	26	10	36 93
Niagara Falls South	25	9	34	12	92 50
Thorold	13	2	15	5	25 72
Tintern	22	2	24	10	29 00
St. Catharines—St. Paul Street	42	9	51	15	107 90
—Welland Avenue	18	2	20	10	31 15
Louth and Grantham	18	..	18	9	26 00

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BRANCH—Continued.

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Brantford District—					
Brantford—Brant Avenue.....	47	7	54	34	\$169 62
—Wellington Street.....	56	6	62	20	104 50
—Colborne Street.....	62	5	67	20	128 11
—Sydenham Street.....	11	..	11	8	19 22
Jerseyville.....	19	5	24	8	46 20
Mount Pleasant.....	14	2	16	8	20 65
Paris.....	32	1	33	13	94 60
St. George.....	..	..	..	..	..
West Flamboro'.....	26	..	26	14	81 05
Woodstock District—					
Bright.....	11	..	11	6	16 00
Beachville.....	20	..	20	8	20 00
Burgessville.....	9	..	9	..	10 00
Eastwood.....	10	..	10	6	20 00
Ingersoll—King Street.....	47	3	50	19	81 00
—Charles Street.....	13	..	13	5	26 00
Princeton.....	8	..	8	5	22 25
Woodstock—Central.....	88	5	93	30	213 68
—Norwich Avenue.....	..	..	..	..	10 00
Currie's Crossing.....	13	..	13	12	24 00
Salford.....	13	..	13	10	18 00
Galt District—					
Berlin.....	..	..	..	..	31 95
Galt.....	32	1	33	15	67 54
Simcoe District—					
Jarvis.....	50	1	51	20	74 26
Old Windham.....	15	..	15	8	38 50
Port Dover.....	22	..	22	9	36 20
Simcoe.....	36	1	37	11	47 63
Waterford.....	17	..	17	6	21 40
Woodhouse.....	6	..	6	3	38 05
Lynnville.....	3	..	3	3	3 00
Norwich District—					
Burford and Fairfield.....	..	..	..	..	15 50
Dereham Centre.....	..	..	..	..	38 13
Delhi.....	9	..	9	5	12 00
Little Lake.....	11	..	11	5	26 50
Norwich.....	19	..	19	9	36 10
Northfield.....	1 25
Otterville.....

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BRANCH—Continued.**

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Norwich District—Continued.					
Oakland	7	1	8	5	\$31 61
Tilsonburg	20	..	20	8	66 52
Teeterville	37	2	39	10	72 55
Wilsonville and Bealton	21	2	23	4	69 35
Palmerston District—					
Alma	11 00
Harriston	27	..	27	12	38 66
Palmerston	37	5	42	20	134 05
Zion, Alma Circuit	14	..	14	9	17 34
Drayton	12	..	12	6	12 50
Mount Forest District—					
Arthur	10	..	10	5	10 60
Durham	1 47
Grand Valley	13	..	13	5	13 00
Mount Forest	27	1	28	12	53 46
Milton District—					
Burlington	27	2	29	7	37 01
Carlisle and Kilbride	13	1	14	6	18 00
Freelton	16	..	16	8	23 73
Milton	31	3	34	12	39 25
Millgrove	40	1	41	20	120 86
Oakville	32	5	37	11	120 55
Waterdown	57	1	58	28	96 60
Wesley	11	..	11	2	16 00
Welland District—					
Caistorville	19	..	19	10	20 50
Dunnville	25	1	26	13	30 73
Moote's Appointment	20 30
Welland	16 65
Ridgeway	8	1	9	6	8 00
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Hanover	15	1	16	9	33 43
Paisley	12	..	12	..	16 75
Walkerton	22	..	22	9	48 30
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**TREASURER'S REPORT OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE
BRANCH FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1897.**

RECEIPTS.

From Auxiliaries and Mission Bands	\$5,069 07	
Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior C. E. First Church, Hamilton	25 00	
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Collection at annual meeting	28 13	
Sale of literature	1 90	
Balance from Billing Comm ttee	4 70	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1896	7 80	
		\$5,191 90

EXPENDITURE.

To General Treasurer—First Quarter	\$812 91	
" " Second "	704 85	
" " Third "	1,195 00	
" " Fourth "	2,325 72	
Expenses of Branch Meeting	43 51	
Printing	7 75	
Corresponding Secretary, printing, etc.	24 14	
" " Mission Bands	6 02	
Room 20, literature, etc.	17 18	
Organizers, Conference and District	8 64	
" Supplies	4 73	
Recording Secretary, travelling	1 25	
President, travelling, postage, etc.	4 00	
Conference delegate	1 30	
Telephone	0 40	
Treasurer, travelling and postage	4 75	
Exchange on drafts and checks	7 56	
" " "	2 19	
Balance	20 00	
		\$5,191 90

W. F. COBER, *Auditor.*

EMMA E. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees	\$2,057 66
Life-members' fees	200 00
Public meetings	310 79
Mission Bands and mite-boxes	1,167 62
Donations (for China, \$656.94)	1,009 84
Other sources	323 16

EMMA E. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

The third annual meeting of the Hamilton Conference Branch was held in the Norfolk Street Church, Guelph, October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1897, under the presidency of Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson. There were about ninety delegates in attendance, and the influence of the opening devotions seemed to pervade every session of the convention.

Many kindly words of welcome and greeting were extended to the delegates, also a message, as expressed in Heb. xiii. 20, 21, was received from Toronto Conference Branch.

Upon the memorial tablet were found the names of fifteen departed sisters, including that of our late missionary, Miss Ford, and a fitting service was conducted by Mrs. Crawford, Hamilton, this being followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The delegates enjoyed a social hour at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Mills—the Ontario Agricultural College.

At the first evening session the President reviewed the year's work, its record, responsibilities and reflex influence; Mrs. George Beattie, Fergus, gave an excellent address on temperance, and Miss W. J. Macdonald, Toronto, an earnest exposition of 2 Kings vii. 9, emphasizing the words, "Now, go and tell." On Wednesday evening a Mission Band rally was held in Dublin Street Church. An interesting programme of music, missionary exercises and recitations, was given by the Band and Junior League. Miss Cartmell's address was more particularly on the work of and among the young people of Japan. An open parliament, a conference of Circle and Band workers, and a paper on "The Work of the Supply Committee" brought out much information and discussion.

The first annual report of Mrs. (Dr.) Mills, Superintendent of Systematic Giving, showed an awakening interest in the subject, twenty-seven local superintendents having been appointed.

Mrs. Charlton, Conference Organizer, reported an increase of five Auxiliaries and one Band, and expressed her thanks to Miss Cartmell for her valuable assistance.

Mrs. Morrow, formerly of the Chinese Home, Victoria, gave a most interesting account of its work, and also of the work among the Chinese on the Coast.

A resolution was forwarded from the Branch to Mrs. Gooderham, late President of the Board, expressing their regret at her retirement, and also their appreciation of her efficiency and faithful services. One was also prepared extending the hand-clasp of Christian sympathy to our missionaries in China, and to the bereaved parents and friends of Miss Ford, our late missionary.

The delegates were requested to convey the loving sympathy of the Convention to the "shut in" members of their Auxiliaries. The following resolutions were among those adopted by the Branch:

That the resolution found on page xiv. of the Annual Report, *re* Epworth Leagues, be brought before all our Auxiliaries, and by them before the Leagues.

That the upper half of the column in Annual Schedule now headed "Remarks" be headed "Expenses," and that under it be lines and spaces for such items as officers' books, stationery, postage, delegates' expenses, etc.

That life-members' names be omitted from the Annual Report, but if the price of the Report continue at ten cents that all the names be printed.

That the names of corresponding secretaries of Circles and Bands be printed in the Annual Report.

The notice of motion providing for a twenty-five-cent fee for Circles and ten-cent for Bands was endorsed.

The following from the Organizer's Committee were adopted:

1. That the officers for the district be an organizer only, and that the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary entertaining the Con-

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vention aid the District Organizer in arranging the programme for district convention.

2. That as soon as a new Organizer is appointed the name and address be sent to the Branch Cor.-Sec., also to the Conference Organizer by the Secretary of the Convention.

3. That the District Organizer apply to the Conference Organizer for the literature needed for their work, which the Conference Organizer will obtain through the Branch Secretary.

The officers elected are :

<i>President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson, Fergus.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. W. Phelps, Mount Pleasant.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Mitchell, Georgetown.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Sharpe, Brantford.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Gayfer, Hamilton.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - - -	Mrs. C. Hardy, 30 Hess St., Hamilton.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - -	Mrs. J. E. Millar, Drawer 31, Brantford.
<i>Auditor</i>	- - - -	Mr. Schell, Brantford.
<i>Mission Band Secretary</i>	- - - -	Miss McGeary, Brantford.
<i>Conference Organizer</i>	- - - -	Miss E. S. Barker, Box 4, Guelph.
<i>Superintendent of Systematic Giving</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Dr.) Mills, Guelph.

DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

<i>Hamilton</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Hamilton.
<i>Guelph</i>	- - - -	Miss Barker, Guelph.
<i>St. Catharines and Welland</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Kitchen, Niagara Falls South.
<i>Brantford</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Phelps, Mount Pleasant.
<i>Woodstock</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Fletcher, Woodstock.
<i>Simcoe</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Wallace, Simcoe.
<i>Norwich</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Eady, Oakland.
<i>Milton</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Hockey, Waterdown.
<i>Galt</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Dr.) Henderson.
<i>Palmerston</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Hamilton, Palmerston.
<i>Mount Forest</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Galloway, Mount Forest.
<i>Walkerton</i>	- - - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Seymour, Paisley.
<i>Warton</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Fawcett.

The year's motto, given by the President, was: "Nearness to Christ, likeness to Christ, power for service."

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, 1896-97.

Another year with its successes and failures has passed from us. May our successes spur us on to greater victories, and our failures teach us to lean upon Him who hath said, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

Changes are making their impress upon our work and workers, but let us ever remember "the battle is the Lord's," and "all things work together for good to them that love God."

We solicit the earnest prayers and watchful care of our auxiliaries in behalf of our Circles and Bands, that our young people may more than ever be led to devote a portion of their energies to this particular branch of Christ's work.

We report this year: Circles and Bands, 37; members, 1,136; amount paid to Branch Treasurer, \$934.68; Banner Band, Woodstock—increase, 54.

Praying for the outpouring of God's best gifts upon all our workers.

Yours in the work,

LUCY JACKSON, Cor. Sec.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS,
1896-97.

MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total.	Amount paid to Auxiliary Treas- urer.
Brantford—Brant Avenue	20	2	22	\$39 87
Brant (Oakland Circuit)	17	..	17	25 00
Carlisle and Kilbride	20	..	20	5 00
Copetown	16	..	16	8 00
Dundas	23	..	23	30 01
Dereham Centre .....	..	..	..	0 75
Fergus	40	..	40	10 00
Guelph—Norfolk Street	28	..	28	25 92
Galt	28	..	28	7 00
Grimsby	7	1	8	1 85
Georgetown	19	..	19	32 11
Hamilton—Centenary	85	20	105	140 00
— Wesley	58	..	58	70 71
First (Circle)	64	3	67	102 25
First (Band)	13	..	13	45 00
* Harriston	18	..	18	5 06
Ingersoll—King Street	6	..	6	22 66
Jarvis	30	..	30	8 95
Maple Grove .....	..	..	..	11 00
Mount Forest	13	..	13	8 12
Niagara Falls South (Circle)	20	1	21	16 50
Niagara Falls South (Band)	26	..	26	6 50
Norwich	12	..	12	4 75
Oakland	44	2	46	22 37
Old Windham	29	..	29	8 00
Port Dover	26	..	26	10 20
Palmerston	118	2	120	50 00
St. Catharines—St. Paul	48	2	50	17 19
Tilsonburg	36	..	36	24 01
Varney	21	..	21	5 45
Waterford	8	..	8	2 15
† Woodstock—Central	79	1	80	74 00
Wilsonville and Bealton	60	2	62	33 71
Walkerton	27	..	27	18 66
Woodhouse	6	..	6	1 50
West Flamboro'	20	..	20	24 43
Walsh .....	..	..	..	16 00

Total annual members, 1,100; total life-members, 36; total amount paid to Auxiliary Treasurer, \$934.68.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES OF CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Brantford—Brant Avenue	Miss Reba Gamble, Box 410, Brantford.
Brant	.....
Carlisle and Kilbride	Miss E. M. Livingstone, Carlisle.
Copetown	Miss Lizzie Krouse, Copetown.
Dundas	Miss Verna Scarlett, Dundas.
Dereham Centre	Miss Mamie Linchberay, Dereham Centre.
Fergus	Miss Jennie Sherwood, Fergus.
Guelph—Norfolk Street	Miss Claire Simpson, Guelph.
Galt	Miss Nellie Shupe, Galt.
Grimsby	Mrs. Will Ferguson, Grimsby.
Georgetown	Miss Hattie Cook, Georgetown.
Hamilton—Centenary	Miss Kate Meade, 50 Young Street, Hamilton.
—Wesley	Miss Gertie Mealey, 31 Erie Ave., Hamilton.
First (Circle)	Miss Frances Nichols, 1 East Ave. S., Hamilton.
First (Band)	Miss Ethel Fisher, Emerald Street.
Harriston	Miss Lizzie Jackson, Harriston.
Ingersoll—King Street	Miss Daisy Tripp, Ingersoll.
Jarvis	Miss Nellie Yocom, Jarvis.
Maple Grove	.....
Mount Forest	Miss Lela V. Bready, Mount Forest.
Niagara Falls South (Circle)	Miss Irene Poyntz, Niagara Falls South.
“ “ (Band)	Miss P. S. Biggar, Niagara Falls South.
Norwich	Miss Annie E. Fairley, Norwich.
Oakland	Miss Minnie Couke, Oakland.
Old Windham	Miss Bessie Langs, Lynnville P.O.
Port Dover	Miss Lily Metcalf, Port Dover.
Palmerston	Miss Alice Kearns, Palmerston.
St. Catharines—St. Paul St.	Miss Sara E. Burgoine, Drawer 6, St. Catharines.
Tilsonburg	Miss Beatrice Hogarth, Tilsonburg.
Varney	Miss Annie Wilkinson, Varney.
Waterford	Miss Emily C. Young, Waterford.
Woodstock	Miss C. Lund, Woodstock.
Wilsonville and Bealton	Miss Claire Skinner, Wilsonville.
Walkerton	Miss Ella Royce, Walkerton.
Woodhouse	Miss Edith L. Bowlby, Port Dover P.O.
West Flamboro'	Miss Lena Robinson, Rockton P.O.
Walsh	Miss Jessie Watts, Walsh.
Warton	Miss Ida McNeil, Warton.

OFFICERS OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Acton	Mrs. Thos. Easton	Mrs. Christie	Mrs. A. Stephenson.
Alma			
Arthur	Mrs. Tonge	Mrs. M. A. Gill	Mrs. Green.
Allenford			
Brantford, Wellington St.	Mrs. W. C. Ashbury	Mrs. G. A. Crysler, Box 143.	Mrs. Sharp.
" Brant Avenue.	" R. M. Fullerton	" S. M. Rose, Box 593.	" J. Kerr.
" Colborne Street.	" J. E. Barker	" James Harley, Box 344	Miss A. Rounds.
" Sydenham Street.	" Isaac	" Strachan	" F. Isaac.
Burlington	" (Rev.) Elliott	" E. H. Chever	Mrs. Rowsome.
Beamsville	" Cosens	" Huston	Miss A. Housser.
Binbrook	" Wintercorbyn	Miss Henry Woodburn	Mrs. Miller.
Bartonville	" Mott	Mrs. L. B. Crosthwaite	" W. P. Burkholder.
Beachville	" J. McDonald	" J. Hacker	" Walls.
Belfountain	" M. Ramsey	" F. Byam	" F. Byam.
Berlin			
Burgessville	Mrs. C. E. Burgess	Miss C. Pollard	Mrs. J. Hilliker.
Burford			
Bright	Mrs. (Rev.) Dyke	Miss M. Milburn	Mrs. Wm. Currah.
Carlisle and Kilbride	" (Rev.) J. Stewart	" G. Campbell	" P. S. Green.
Caistorville	" (Dr.) Haney	" M. C. Haney, Box 39.	" F. Dennis.
Caledonia	" Burch	Mrs. Burns	Miss Terryberry.
Currie's Crossing	" E. Gracy	Miss L. Ruich	" L. Start.
Chesley	" C. J. Dobson	Mrs. J. J. Neelin	Mrs. Speisey.
Canboro'			
Cayuga			
Durham			
Dundas	Mrs. G. R. Davidson	Mrs. W. A. Davidson	Mrs. J. H. Bowman.
Dereham Centre			
Drayton	Mrs. F. C. Fawcett	Mrs. M. Doyle	Mrs. Brimblecombe.
Dunnville	" W. Casson	" J. A. Cooke	" R. A. Harrison.
Delhi	" Wright	" Boyce	" Kent.

Dereham Centre			
Drayton	Mrs. F. C. Fawcett	Mrs. M. Doyle	Mrs. Brimblecombe.
Dunnville	" W. Casson	" J. A. Cooke	" R. A. Harrison.
Delhi	" Wright	" Boyce	" Kent.
Elora	" Moore	" T. Godfrey	" Stickney.
Ennotville	" (Rev.) Truax	" Smith	" Kirby.
Eastwood	" W. Lazenby	Miss M. Jordan	Miss E. Leak.
East Plains			
Freelton	Mrs. H. Hill	Mrs. Joseph Sutton	Mrs. E. Millard.
Fergus	" T. W. Jackson	" E. Small	" A. L. Campbell.
Guelph, Norfolk Street	" (Rev.) J. G. Scott	" T. F. Savage	Miss H. L. Maddock.
" Dublin Street	" E. R. Bolbert	Miss L. Rose	Mrs. C. W. Kelly.
Grimsby	" (Rev.) Lucas	Mrs. Vahay	" H. Smith.
Galt	" R. T. Williams	Miss J. Wilkins	" J. C. Pickard.
Grand Valley		Mrs. S. Tate	
Georgetown	Mrs. (Rev.) G. A. Mitchell	Miss J. M. Hutt	Miss A. Lindsay.
Hamilton, Centenary	" (Rev.) J. V. Smith	Mrs. W. A. Robinson, 34 Hannah St. E.	Mrs. Wm. C. Morton.
" Wesley	" A. D. Martin	" H. A. Martin	" W. J. Waugh.
" First Church	" (Rev.) Rutledge	" Simpson	" Kappel.
" Gore Street	" (Rev.) Adams	Miss S. Bowes	" E. K. Proctor.
" Zion Tabernacle	" (Rev.) Brethour	" M. Hope, 18 Florence St.	" Attle.
" Hannah Street	" G. W. Carey	Mrs. E. Healey, 240 Herkimer St.	" (Rev.) Clark.
" Barton Street	" Vipond	Miss B. Shenton	Miss Vipond.
Harriston	" (Rev.) J. A. Jackson	Mrs. J. E. Gray	Mrs. I. McCracken.
Hanover	" (Rev.) J. Charlton	" H. H. Miller	" H. Wisler.
Ingersoll, King Street	" Kneeshaw	" J. A. Williams	Miss Stinson.
Ingersoll, Charles Street	" W. C. Bell	" T. J. Atkins	Mrs. P. H. Forman.
International Bridge			
Jarvis	Mrs. T. Boyd	Mrs. Honey	Mrs. Rodgen.
Jerseyville	" (Rev.) McCartney	" S. L. Swartz	" J. R. Howell.
Ker	" A. Blaxill, Abingdon	Miss A. Edwards, Woodburn	Miss C. Warner, Abingdon.
Little Lake	" P. Winskel	Mrs. M. Jull, Ranelagh	Mrs. J. Rittenburg.
Lynnville	None sent	Miss A. M. Axford	None sent.
Louth and Grantham	Mrs. J. Archer	" H. E. Parnell	Mrs. E. Wismer.
Milton	" J. Hollinrake	" E. E. Harrison	" Inman.
Moote's Appointment			

OFFICERS OF THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1896-97—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. (Rev.) A. Hamilton...	Mrs. J. D. Phelps	Miss N. Biggar.
Mount Forest	" (Rev.) J. S. Williamson	" G. R. Gilroy	Mrs. J. W. Tanner.
Millgrove	" A. Dymont	" Garwood Sheppard, Clappison's } Corners	" J. Borer.
Niagara Falls	" (Rev.) Shilton	" Kellam	" Swartz.
Niagara Falls South	" Kitchen	" E. P. Lewis	Miss S. M. Kelly.
Norwich	" (Rev.) R. Walker	" T. L. Dunkin	Mrs. Vardon.
Northfield			
Otterville			
Oakville	Mrs. C. W. Coote	Miss Jefferis	Miss Wass.
Oakland	" C. Cox	Mrs. C. E. Vivian	Mrs. S. Cooke.
Old Windham	" H. A. Collver	Miss Maud L. Collver, Box 195, Simcoe.	" I. Hambly.
Paris	" P. E. Hicks	" A. E. Nelles	Miss H. Brown.
Port Dover	Miss Hamilton	" B. Tupper	Mrs. E. Bagley.
Paisley			
Palmerston	Mrs. J. Taskin	Mrs. S. J. Knight	Miss E. Kearns.
Princeton	" L. Mills	" Staples	Mrs. Staples.
Rockwood	" S. Harris	" George Clarkson	" M. Hill.
Ridgeway	" A. A. Bowes	Miss H. S. Box	" Hugh Sherk.
Simcoe	" W. Wooley	Mrs. G. J. Green	" Dell.
Stoney Creek	" J. E. Beamer	Miss H. Hill, Fruitland	Miss Ida Pettit.
Salford	" Kennedy	Mrs. W. R. Newton	Mrs. G. Dunton.
St. Catharines, St. Paul St.	" B. C. Fairfield	Miss M. H. Connor	" T. W. Jackson.
" Welland Ave.	" J. Philip	" K. M. Smith, Box 898	" M. Grattan.
St. George	" J. W. Cooley	" E. E. Nixon	" James Rosebrugh.
Thorold	" James Millar	" M. Millar	" Ball.
Tilsonburg	" Reid	Mrs. J. Chapman	Miss Betts.
Tintern	Mrs. J. Lindaberry	Miss S. J. Funk	Miss E. Hoffman.
Teeterville	" B. Horning	" A. Horning, Vanessa	Mrs. W. Bartholomew.
Waterdown	" Hockey	Mrs. B. Haliburton	" Slater.
Waterford	" E. H. Lundy	Miss M. A. Garnett	" W. C. Lundy.

Tintern	Mrs. J. Lindaberry	Miss S. J. Funk	Miss E. Hoffman.
Teeterville	" B. Horning	" A. Horning, Vanessa	Mrs. W. Bartholomew.
Waterdown	" Hockey	Mrs. B. Haliburton	" Slater.
Waterford	" E. H. Lundy	Miss M. A. Garnett	" W. C. Lundy.
Woodstock, Central Church.	" (Rev.) J. Pickering	Mrs. R. T. Crawford, Dundas St.	Miss L. E. Cummings.
" Norwich Ave ..	" Russ ..	Miss A. Shaver	Mrs. J. E. Case.
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Walkerton	Mrs. Moir	Mrs. Wiles	Mrs. Huether.
West Flamboro'	" T. L. Wilkinson	" George Jones	Miss M. Dyment.
Wesley	" J. Fish	" A. E. McMurray	Mrs. H. Stephens.
Woodhouse	" W. V. Collver	Miss L. Smith, Box 30, Simcoe	" A. W. Smith.
Wolverton .....	.....	.....	.....
Wilsonville and Bealton	Mrs. M. Edy	Miss C. Skinner	Mrs. Wm. Wilson.
Zion (Alma Circuit)	" E. Green	Mrs. H. Gillrie	" T. Stubbs.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1896-97.

To a number of our Auxiliaries the past has been a year of great encouragement, because of increased membership, interest and finances.

Some report that no department of the church work has done more to develop the spirituality of its members than this Society.

The amount of good done will never be fully revealed to the workers until the secrets of all hearts shall be made known.

We regret to have to report that six Auxiliaries have discontinued work for the present.

New Auxiliaries have been organized at Bradford, Cooksville, Rocklyn, St. Clarens Avenue, Victoria Square and Whittington.

Number of Auxiliaries	77
Annual members	2,031
Life-members	206
Total membership	2,237
Number of Mission Bands and Circles	26 Decrease 12
" Members	668 " 234
Amount raised by Auxiliaries	\$4,945 69
" " Mission Bands and Circles	504 16
" " Epworth Leagues	392 14
Received from all sources	\$5,841 99
Remitted to General Treasurer	5,563 15
Increase	514 59

ANNUAL MEETING TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

The fourth annual meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch was held in the Collier Street Church, Barrie, October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1897.

The President, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, was in the chair. Eighty-four delegates were in attendance and a number of visitors. Mrs. Sissons expressed the pleasure of the Barrie ladies in entertaining the delegation, and Mrs. Cheyne, of Brampton, acknowledged the courtesy extended. The President, in her annual address, dwelt on the necessity of more prayer, remembering that God's blessing alone can give power to human effort. That we may have attractive and helpful meetings we need prayerful preparation, personal persuasion, profitable programmes and persevering prayer—prayer first, last, and always. An "In Memoriam and Consecration Service" was conducted by Mrs. D. G. Sutherland, friends present testifying to the beautiful and useful lives of twenty members who have ceased from work and entered into rest since

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last year. Under the influence of this hallowed hour all hearts were prepared for the renewal of their vows of consecration, the time proving all too short for the many who would gladly have spoken. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Rev. M. Pearson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hudson.

At the evening meeting Mrs. Morrow, formerly in charge of the Rescue Home in Victoria, gave an interesting account of her stay there. Mrs. Briggs, in presenting the report of the Supply Committee, gave many instances showing how much this work is both needed and appreciated. Mr. H. W. Frost, of the China Inland Mission, in an earnest address vividly portrayed a city in China as it was when the name of Christ was unknown, and the change wrought in a few years by the labors of a Christian lady.

Wednesday morning devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Chapman, of Bond Head; subject, "Temperance and Missions." Notice of motion regarding verbal changes in the Constitution, accepted; affecting delegation to the Board, lost; regarding an independent paper, not entertained; in reference to fee for Circles and Bands, passed on to the Board.

A memorial from Richmond Hill Auxiliary, asking that any person contributing twenty-five cents a year shall become an Associate Member, caused considerable discussion, but was finally passed on to the Board.

Mrs. Garrett, Superintendent of Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, reported 429 proportionate givers and increasing interest in the method. Open Conference with questions brought out many useful points.

Wednesday evening the Barrie Mission Circle presented an excellent programme of music and readings, with a practical paper on "Circle and Band Work," by Miss Jennie King.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, all of which were carried:

1. That our Auxiliaries be requested to send all moneys raised under the auspices of this Society through the regular channels to the Branch Treasurer.

2. That Auxiliaries appoint one or more of their members to confer with the Superintendent of Junior Leagues regarding missionary work.

3. That in view of the approaching Plebiscite vote we place ourselves on record as pledged to do all in our power to secure a large majority in its favor, and by our prayers and influence, and in every way we can, aid all organizations whose aim is the suppression of the liquor traffic and the passage of a prohibitory law.

4. That we express our appreciation of the work done by the Literature Committee, especially that of Miss McCallum, in the preparation of the suggested programmes.

5. That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the pastor of the church for his kindly interest and co-operation; to the trustees for the use of the church; to the choir for their very excellent services; to the Billeting Committee, and to the ladies of the town who so kindly entertained the delegates in their homes, and at tea in the school-room.

BY-LAWS OF TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

1. The election of officers in Auxiliaries, and of delegates to the Branch meeting, shall be by ballot, without nomination, and a majority vote be required.

2. That in the case of new Auxiliaries organized late in the year, the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary be instructed to mention the organization of Auxiliary, with the money that has been sent, without stating the number of names.

3. That Auxiliaries provide for the expenses of their delegates to the Branch meeting. The Auxiliary Treasurer, in making returns to the Branch Treasurer, shall state the net sum received and the amount paid for delegates'

expenses, and transmit the balance to the Branch Treasurer. The Branch Treasurer, in preparing her report, shall credit the Auxiliaries with the full amount of their contributions and charge the expenses of the delegates to the General Fund.

4. That reports of Auxiliaries be given by the District Organizer at the Branch meeting, five minutes to be allowed for each District.

5. That District Organizers be under the direction of the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

6. That Branch Officers and District Organizers send in a statement of their expenses before September 15th of each year.

7. That District Organizers be *ex-officio* members of the Branch meeting and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid by the Branch Treasurer.

8. That in order to save expense, a District Organizer may arrange with someone more conveniently situated to organize an Auxiliary.

9. That in every District where practicable a convention be held each year. Where desirable, Organizers of adjoining districts may arrange for union conventions.

10. That all the privileges of the convention be open to all members of Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, Bands and Epworth Leagues on the District.

11. That a collection be taken at the District Convention which shall be applied to the expenses of the convention, any surplus to go to the local Auxiliary.

12. That the District Organizer be nominated by ballot, without debate, at the District Convention; in the absence of such convention, that the nominations be made by the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

The officers elected are :

<i>Honorary President</i>	Mrs. J. A. Williams, Richmond Hill.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. J. B. Willmott, 50 Bond St., Toronto.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Langford, Orangeville.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. D. G. Sutherland, 560 Church St., Toronto.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. G. P. McKay, Alliston.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. N. A. Powell, 167 College St., Toronto.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. Wm. Briggs, 21 Grenville St., Toronto.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. W. W. Ogden, 184 Spadina Ave., Toronto.
<i>Mission Band Secretary</i>	Mrs. James Hales, 226 Seaton St., Toronto.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mr. Davy.
<i>Supt. Proportionate Giving</i>	Mrs. Edwin Chown, 125 Madison Ave., Toronto.

The following ladies were appointed District Organizers :

<i>Uxbridge</i>	Mrs. Gee, Markham.
<i>Owen Sound</i>	Mrs. Boland, Markdale.
<i>Bracebridge</i>	Mrs. Groves, Gravenhurst.
<i>Brampton</i>	Mrs. Cheyne, Brampton.

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COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, 1897.	Increase.	Life-members, 1897.	No. of Meetings Held.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas- urer.
Toronto East District—						
Metropolitan	76	..	24	11	35	\$627 00
Berkeley Street	41	2	14	12	15	109 80
Sherbourne Street	100	28	14	9	..	269 16
Carlton Street	37	..	16	13	18	255 31
Central	54	..	16	10	14	169 32
Parliament Street	38	9	1	12	21	112 64
King Street	9	..	..	13	6	9 20
Scarboro'	13	2	..	14	9	27 00
Gerrard Street	15	4	..	13	12	29 05
Toronto Central District—						
Elm Street	28	2	7	12	16	95 77
Queen Street	82	1	8	13	40	292 41
Broadway Tabernacle ..	73	..	10	14	34	225 71
New Richmond	29	..	3	13	16	129 10
St. Paul's	44	17	1	11	19	95 69
Yonge Street	49	..	12	11	18	92 70
Eglinton	29	..	7	10	..	139 74
Victoria Square	6	..	..	..	..	6 00
Richmond Hill	32	..	..	16	12	68 00
Maple	18	..	..	11	10	37 51
Toronto West District—						
Trinity	47	..	9	11	29	178 20
Euclid Avenue	18	..	1	12	27	52 02
Wesley	53	3	4	14	29	138 62
Parkdale	67	..	9	12	35	170 60
Bathurst Street	34	7	9	13	13	143 81
Mimico	8	..	..	10	4	14 20
Toronto Junction	28	3	5	12	11	63 30
St. Alban's	34	10	1	13	18	45 41
Crawford Street	24	24	..	17	11	15 50
St. Clarens Avenue	11	11	..	5	8	2 85
Brampton District—						
Brampton—Grace Church	37	..	7	10	14	150 97
—St. Paul's	26	..	..	10	12	74 68
Streetsville	20	..	1	7	9	26 20
Bolton	50	33	1	2	15	98 54
Inglewood	13	1	1	12	7	24 01
*Cooksville .....	..	..	..	..	..	13 80

* Just organized.

**COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER—Continued.**

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, 1897.	Increase.	Life-members, 1897.	No. of Meetings Held.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas- urer.
Bradford District—						
Lloydtown	8	..	..	9	5	\$10 30
Newmarket	24	2	..	10	10	64 17
Alliston	24	6	1	13	13	46 28
Beeton	13	13	1	12	8	21 88
Tottenham	18	..	..	11	9	14 50
Schomberg	17	1	3	12	12	22 51
Aurora	43	..	1	11	14	71 81
Thompsonville	21	..	..	13	6	29 89
Newton Robinson	16	2	..	11	7	33 30
King	14	3	..	12	10	12 00
Thornton	18	4	..	13	9	16 00
Cookstown	9	..	..	13	6	15 45
Queensville	6	..	..	..	3	16 75
Bradford	17	17	..	10	9	7 65
Orangeville District—						
Orangeville	28	..	..	12	22	54 81
*Whittington .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barrie District—						
Barrie	36	..	2	13	8	107 74
Orillia	27	..	..	12	8	82 34
Penetang	16	..	..	12	8	24 90
Collingwood District—						
Collingwood	47	2	2	12	30	83 00
Thornbury	16	..	2	12	5	18 50
Creemore	17	11	..	12	6	22 00
Meaford	16	4	1	..	..	21 12
Bracebridge District—						
Bracebridge	14	1	..	12	15	36 65
Gravenhurst	9	..	2	9	7	51 82
Huntsville	19	..	..	13	6	23 56
Uxbridge District—						
Uxbridge	31	2	1	14	16	90 15
Markham	14	..	..	16	9	39 60
Stouffville	24	5	4	13	16	63 23
Unionville	15	..	..	12	6	21 10

* Newly organized.

COMBINED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	No. of Members, 1897.	Increase.	Life-members, 1897.	No. of Meetings Held.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas- urer.
Uxbridge District—Continued.						
Mount Albert	21	3	..	12	9	\$26 50
Vroomanton	5	..	..	..	..	5 00
Goodwood	19	..	..	..	8	25 25
Sandford	20	4	1	12	15	41 63
Locust Hill	19	5	..	11	11	21 32
Bethesda	18	9	..	13	25	16 80
Owen Sound District—						
Owen Sound	17	..	2	13	10	61 41
Markdale	18	8	..	11	8	28 25
Flesherton	16	..	..	11	9	29 65
Rocklyn	14	14	..	4	9	3 50
Algoma District—						
Sault Ste. Marie	28	..	2	..	..	91 40
Parry Sound District—						
Parry Sound	16	1	..	11	8	32 39
Total	2031	214	206	..	..	.....

Total balance on hand, Sept. 24th, 1896 \$56.16.
Total from Auxiliaries, Bands, etc. 5,509.93.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TORONTO BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, September 24th, 1896		\$56 16
Total from Auxiliaries, Bands, etc		5,509 93
Mission Bands and Circles, remitted direct to Branch		
Treasurer	\$117 73	
Epworth Leagues, remitted direct to Branch Treasurer...	70 79	
Sabbath Schools, " " " "	15 25	
Donations, " " " "	52 75	
Collection at Branch Meeting	6 17	
Collection at Missionary Convention, Toronto	12 06	
Bank Interest	1 15	
		275 90
 Total Gross Income		\$5,841 99

EXPENDITURE.

1896.			
Oct. 1.	By Cash, Organizers' Expenses	\$9 90	
"	" " Organizers' and Branch Officers' fare to Branch Meeting	61 74	
"	" " Delegates' Expenses to Branch Meeting	74 36	
"	" " Dr. Hart's " " " "	6 00	
"	" " Sexton Maple St. Church, Collingwood	4 00	
Oct. 31.	" " Printing Treasurer's Statement	4 25	
"	" " Postage and Stationery for Treasurer	1 15	
"	" " Printing Post Cards for Treasurer	2 90	
Oct. 31.	" " Mission Band Cor. Sec. Expenses—		
	Mrs. Bascom (for 1895-96)	5 90	
	Mrs. Hales	11 10	
"	" " Printing Circulars for Mission Band Cor. Sec.	1 25	
Nov. 28.	" " Mimeograph for Branch Cor. Sec.	5 00	
"	" " Candidate's fare	3 50	
Dec. 24.	" " Branch Meeting Expenses	2 50	
1897.			
Sept. 15.	" " Proportionate Giving Department .. .	8 85	
"	" " Branch Cor. Sec. Account	15 60	
"	" " Envelopes for Thank-offering, etc.	9 40	
		227 40	
	Net Income	\$5,614 59	
	Remitted to General Treasurer, 1st Quarter	\$938 15	
"	" " " 2nd "	1,075 00	
"	" " " 3rd "	1,850 00	
"	" " " 4th "	1,700 00	
	Balance on hand, September 28th, 1897	51 44	
		\$5,614 59	

Audited and found correct as per vouchers.

MARCELLA WILKES,
Auditor.
Sept. 28th, 1897.

ELIZABETH P. OGDEN,
Treasurer.

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RECEIPTS FROM MISSION BANDS AND CIRCLES.

Included in Auxiliary reports	\$386 43	
Not included in Auxiliary reports	117 73	
	<hr/>	\$504 16

RECEIPTS FROM EPWORTH LEAGUES.

(Included in Auxiliary Reports.)

Eglinton	\$3 35	
Huntsville	1 50	
Orangeville	15 00	
Toronto—Bathurst Street, Senior, \$20.00; Junior, 5.00..	25 00	
“ Carlton Street	62 50	
“ Euclid Avenue Junior League	20 00	
“ Metropolitan	94 00	
“ Sherbourne Street	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 35

(Not Included in Auxiliary Reports.)

Toronto—Queen Street, balance from last year	\$0 79	
Owen Sound	30 00	
Woodgreen	40 00	
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(Included in Auxiliary Reports.)

Toronto—Parliament Street	\$15 00	
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(Not Included in Auxiliary Reports.)

Toronto Junction—Annette Street	\$5 00	
Macville ..	8 25	
Willowdale	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 25

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees	\$1,998 04
Life-members' fees	351 00
Public meetings	548 89
Mite-boxes	177 16
Donations and thank-offerings	1,431 89
Bequests	25 00
Scattered Helpers	3 71
Amount of Easter thank-offering	802 44

ELIZABETH P. OGDEN, *Treasurer.*

ROSALIE M. BRIGGS, *Cor. Sec.*

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. Greaves, Collingwood, to Chinese Girls Home	\$5 00
Bathurst Street Epworth League, for girl in Coqualeetza Home	25 00
Mrs. Bascom, donation	7 75
Epworth League, Owen Sound, for cot in hospital, Chentu.....	30 00
Annette Street Sunday School Infant Class, for school in China	5 00
Mrs. Drummond, Mimico, for support of girl in Crosby Home.....	10 00
Miss " " " " " " " "	10 00
Macville Sunday School for Chinese Home, B. C.	8 25
Sherbourne Street Epworth League	100 00
Orillia Auxiliary, for native Bible-woman in Japan	50 20
Mission Circle, New Richmond Church, for support of Indian girl at Port Simpson	25 00
Parkdale Auxiliary, for Bible-woman	50 00
Rev. Mr. Emory, Parliament Street Church, in memory of his mother..	25 00
Trinity Church, Mrs. Paterson's class of girls, for China	33 00
Dr. W. W. Ogden, in mem. of Rev. J. Douse, for Crosby Home	50 00
Mrs. Greaves, Collingwood, for Chinese Home, B. C.....	5 00
Carlton Street Epworth League, for Kitamaat Home	22 00
Parliament Street Sunday School	15 00
Bathurst Street Senior League, for Chilliwack Home	20 00
" " Junior " " " " " "	5 00
Gravenhurst Mission Circle, for support of girl in Crosby Home	37 53

REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

This year we report the number of Mission Circles and Bands to be only twenty-six, a decrease of twelve.

The Circles which have disbanded have united with the larger organization of the Epworth League, and are there actively engaged in the missionary department.

This partly accounts for the increase of funds received from Epworth Leagues, and the decrease from Mission Circles.

Two bands died because there was no one to look after them. Unless the members of Auxiliaries are willing to interest themselves in the work of the young people there will be very few who will know much about the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. Good reports have come to us from those who have done faithful work during the year.

One bright band of little girls and boys has made six quilts, valued at \$2.00 each, and sent them to the mission at Port Carling. In addition to this the Band has raised \$20.00 in cash.

Another Band seems to have caught the spirit of missions when it introduced the birthday box, and therewith instilled into the child's mind the truth that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The children wish the proceeds of their birthday box to be sent to poor children who know nothing of the happiness that crowns the birthdays of our little ones.

The girls and boys have also written letters addressed to the Indian children, telling of their Mission Band work. These letters are sent in the box that goes to the mission field. Nearly all the bands report progress.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, TORONTO
CONFERENCE BRANCH.

PLACE.	NAME OF BAND.	No. of Mem- bers, 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Alliston	Daughters of Zion	6	..	3	\$5 00
Aurora	Busy Bees	40	18	..	19 30
Barrie	Gleaners Circle	37	10	..	46 52
"	Binders	14	..	5	9 45
Bolton		..	..	..	0 40
* Bradford		..	..	..	2 50
Brampton—Grace Church	Gardiner Circle	32	11	..	30 51
"	Sunbeams	73	10	..	26 43
—St. Paul's Church	Light-Bearers	74	29	..	40 11
Eglinton		30	..	23	7 58
Flesherton	Busy Bee	37	11	..	11 34
Gravenhurst	Sunshine Circle	..	..	..	37 53
Huntsville	Wayside Gleaners	15	4	..	10 25
Markdale	Edwards	40	..	19	10 00
Markham		..	..	..	7 50
Mimico	Help a Little	13	..	4	3 50
Newmarket	Buds of Promise	8	..	7	2 00
Owen Sound	Retta Gifford	21	8	..	4 00
Parry Sound		..	..	..	6 00
Penville		..	..	..	8 00
Steinhauer		..	..	..	11 15
Stouffville	Light-Bearers	..	..	..	12 25
Thompsonville		..	..	..	0 70
Toronto—Carlton Street	Daughters of Comfort	12	..	3	13 40
—†Elm Street	Circle	16	..	2	7 55
Junction	Star of Hope Circle	..	..	20	2 20
"	Golden Rule	13	..	6	0 60
—†New Richmond	Heart's Ease	32	2	..	25 00
—Parkdale	Sunbeam Circle	34	2	..	39 31
† "	Star Mission Band	..	..	..	3 70
—St. Paul's		..	..	..	7 34
—Miss Shoults	Scattered Workers	18	2	..	32 40
Unionville	Pearl Seekers	7	..	3	2 54
Uxbridge	Steinhauer Circle	33	2	..	28 48
"	Cheerful Givers	50	38	..	13 00
Weston	Circle	..	..	..	13 37
Woodford	Circle	13	3	..	3 25
Total		668	150	130	\$504 16

* New Band.

† Disbanded.

‡ Joined Epworth League.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

- Aurora*—(1896) Miss Parlee—1.
Barrie—(1892) Mrs. C. Harrison—1.
Brampton, Grace Church—"Sunbeams"—(1892) Misses Flossie Chapman, Edith Brown, Bertram Eaton; (1893) Mrs. Eaton, Miss C. Neelands, H. Baskerville, R. Broddy Duggan; (1894) Charlie Duggan—8.
Brampton, St. Paul's Church—"Light Bearers"—(1892) Misses Sutcliffe, McConnell (Mrs. Calbic), Alexander, Maud Alexander, Ronald Starr, Charlie Starr; (1893) Misses Bell, E. Calvin, Masters Edgar Alexander, Stanley Alexander; (1894) Misses Marshall, Helen B. Smith—2 new names not sent—14.
Eglinton—(1894) Mr. H. H. Duke; (1895) Mrs. German, Mr. Horn—1 new name—4
Owen Sound—(1896) Miss Edith Brown—1.
Toronto, Elm Street—(1896) Mrs. Powell, Miss Jennie Aikenhead—2.
Toronto, Metropolitan—(1892) Mesdames J. B. Willmott, W. E. Willmott, Misses M. Wilkes, McGuffin, Drummond, Harrington, F. Segsworth, E. Segsworth, Hooker, A. L. Hooker, Allie Magurn (Mrs. Anger), Sutherland (New York), M. L. Sutherland (New York), Bertha M. Shoults, Dr. D. W. Stevenson (China), Dr. W. E. Willmott, S. R. Hanna, P. A. Onderkirk; (1893) Misses Hatton, Aggie Hatton, E. Faragher, A. Ward; (1894) Miss Massey; (1895) Master Leslie E. Willmott—24.
Toronto, Parkdale—Master Edwin Scott, Mrs. Rodgers—2.
Uxbridge—"Steinhauer"—Mrs. Bascom—1. Total, 58.

ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF MISSION BANDS AND CIRCLES.

ADDRESS.	NAME OF SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Alliston	Daughters of Zion.	Miss E. Martindale . .	Miss J. Wilson.
Aurora	Busy Bees	" P. Norman . . . . .	.....
Barrie	Gleaners	" L. Cross	Miss J. Galbraith.
"	Binders	" Lily Rodgers	" Emily Lourd.
Brampton—			
Grace Church.	Sunbeams	Mrs. Lanceley	" Aggie Taylor.
" "	Gardiner	Miss Harrison	" Ella Austin.
St. Paul's	Light Bearers	" M. Sanderson	" Maggie Tate.
Eglinton . . . . .	.....	.....	.....
Flesherton	Busy Bee	Mrs. W. H. Thurston.	Miss A. Dinwoodie.
Gravenhurst . . .	Sunshine	Miss R. Harvie	" Emma Young.
Huntsville	Wayside Gleaners.	" Minnie Bradley.	" Jean Bray.
Markdale	Edwards	" Armstrong	" A. McFarland.
Mimico	Help a Little	" Parker	" Daisy Wixon.
Newmarket	Buds of Promise . .	Mrs. E. Jackson	" Pearl Millard.
Owen Sound	Retta Gifford . . . .	.....	" Gladys Price.
Parry Sound . . . .	.....	Mrs. E. S. Rupert	" E. S. Walton.
Stouffville	Light Bearers . . . .	.....	Ed. Sanders.
Toronto—			
Carlton St. . . .	Daug. of Comfort.	Miss Ogden	Miss Jennie Wright.
Parkdale	Sunbeam	Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Garrett	" Olive Clemes.
Toronto	Scattered Workers	Miss Shoults	" Lizzie Asson.
Junction	Golden Rule	" Annie Boddy	" Flossie Hall.
Uxbridge	Steinhauer	" Barr	" E. Sanderson.
"	Cheerful Givers . .	Mrs. Crosby	" Cora Beswick.
Woodford . . . .	.....	Miss Annie A. Rogers.	Mrs. Danard.

OFFICERS OF TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

ALLISTON.

Pres., *Mrs. G. P. McKay; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. C. Lee; Treas., Mrs. J. R. Hipwell. Annual members, 24.

AURORA.

Pres., Mrs. McDonald; Cor. Sec., Miss P. Norman; Treas., Mrs. Van Zant. *Mrs. Broad. Annual members, 43.

BARRIE.

Pres., Mrs. R. Gibson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Bosanko; Treas., Mrs. Edwards. Mesdames *Marr, *Sargeant. Annual members, 36.

BEETON.

Pres., *Mrs. Nurdon; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cross; Treas., Miss M. Wallwin. Annual members, 13.

BOLTON.

Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Harper; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. A. Rutherford; Treas., Miss Watson. Annual members, 50.

BETHESDA.

Pres., Mrs. A. Steckley; Cor. Sec., Miss Allin; Treas., Mrs. Jas. Pointon. Annual members, 18.

BRADFORD.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) J. Locke; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. Kneeshaw; Treas., Mrs. Rieves. Annual members, 17.

BRAMPTON, GRACE CHURCH.

Pres., Mrs. Cheyne; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Oliver; Treas., Mrs. Murchison. Mesdames *Gardiner, *Duggan, *Neelands, *Holtby, *Aikens, *(Rev.) Lancelay; *Miss Neelands. Annual members, 37.

BRAMPTON, ST. PAUL'S.

Pres., Mrs. Graham; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Redditt; Treas., Mrs. W. Woods. Annual members, 26.

BRACEBRIDGE.

Pres., *Mrs. Bettes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. I. Higgins; Treas., Mrs. Boyer. Annual members, 14.

CREEMORE.

Pres., Mrs. Bedford; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. J. Kitson; Treas., Mrs. Plewis.
Annual members, 17.

COLLINGWOOD.

Pres., Mrs. Greaves; Cor. Sec., Mrs. D. Williams, jun.; Treas., Mrs. G. Watson, sen. Mesdames *W. Williams, *H. Birnie. Annual members, 47.

COOKSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. Oliver; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. McLelland; Treas., Mrs. Dunton.

COOKSTOWN.

Pres., Mrs. Walker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Eby; Treas., Miss K. Banting. Annual members, 9.

EGLINTON.

Pres., *Mrs. J. H. Locke; Cor. Sec., Miss C. Moore; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Moore. Mesdames *W. Jackes, *McKee; Misses *A. Locke, *Jones, *Roach, *E. Roach. Honorary members—Mr. R. Jones, Rev. W. R. Roach. Annual members, 29.

FLESHERTON.

Pres., Mrs. W. H. Thurston; Cor. Sec., Miss Christoe; Treas., Mrs. Gjerdrum. Annual members, 16.

GRAVENHURST.

Pres., *Mrs. Young; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harvie; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Oaten.
*Mrs. Groves. Annual members, 9.

GOODWOOD.

Pres., Miss M. Robinson; Cor. Sec., Miss H. Todd; Treas., Miss M. Dickinson. Annual members, 19.

HUNTSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. J. E. Wilson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Randleson; Treas., Mrs. Metcalf. Annual members, 19.

INGLEWOOD.

Pres., Mrs. D. Graham; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. H. Graham; Treas., Mrs. Goodman. Annual members, 13.

KING.

Pres., Mrs. C. Cocking; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. J. Winter; Treas., Mrs. J. Nunn. Annual members, 14.

LLOYDTOWN.

Pres., Mrs. A. Winter; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. E. Thompson. Annual members, 8.

LOCUST HILL.

Pres., Mrs. C. Reesor; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. R. Hoover; Treas., Mrs. J. Jarvis. Annual members, 19.

MARKDALE.

Pres., Mrs. Thos. Boland; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Scott; Treas., Mrs. Trelford. Annual members, 18.

MAPLE.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. Oliver; Treas. Mrs. Craddock. Annual members, 18.

MARKHAM.

Pres., Mrs. S. H. Edwards; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. H. Speight; Treas., Mrs. H. C. Marr. Annual members, 14.

MEAFORD.

Pres., *Mrs. T. Baker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. T. Moore; Treas., Mrs. Chas. Brown. Annual members, 16.

MIMICO.

Pres., Miss A. Parker; Cor. Sec., Miss H. J. Whitlam; Treas., Mrs. Polk. Annual members, 8.

MOUNT ALBERT.

Pres., Mrs. J. D. Rowland; Cor. Sec., Miss Anderson; Treas., Miss Long. Annual members, 21.

NEWMARKET.

Pres., Miss Belfry; Cor. Sec., Mrs. B. Hewitt; Treas., Mrs. L. G. Jackson. Annual members, 24.

NEWTON ROBINSON.

Pres., Mrs. Merrick; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Coburn; Treas., Mrs. Downey. Annual members, 16.

ORILLIA.

Pres., Mrs. J. Millard; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. B. Wallace; Treas., Mrs. J. J. Moore. Annual members, 27.

ORANGEVILLE.

Pres., *Mrs. A. Langford; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. R. Kent; Treas., Miss Kearns. *Mrs. Hassard. Annual members, 28.

OWEN SOUND.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Brown; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. H. Gray; Treas., Mrs. A. J. Frost. Mesdames *R. B. Miller, *Poste. Annual members, 17.

PARRY SOUND.

Pres., Mrs. E. S. Rupert; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Rupert; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Beatty. Annual members, 16.

PENETANGUISHENE.

Pres., Mrs. E. E. Hall; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Baillie; Treas., Mrs. West. Annual members, 16.

QUEENSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. Leonard; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Fogg; Treas., Mrs. Hill. Annual members, 6.

RICHMOND HILL.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) G. McCulloch; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. D. Atkinson; Treas., Mrs. I. Crosby. Annual members, 32.

ROCKLYN.

Pres., Mrs. Bennett; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Crabtree; Treas., Mrs. S. Gil-
mour. Annual members, 14.

SANDFORD.

Pres., Mrs. J. Hackner; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. C. Brent; Treas., Mrs. J.
Thompson. *Mrs. Washington. Annual members, 20.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

Pres., Mrs. J. Bassingthwait; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. H. Hearst; Treas.,
Mrs. Knight. *Mrs. Skewes; *Miss W. Westcott. Annual members, 28.

SCARBORO'.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Vickery; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. P. Mason; Treas., Mrs.
W. A. Heron. Annual members, 13.

STOUFFVILLE.

Pres., *Mrs. Brown; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. Park; Treas., Mrs. Clendenning.
Mesdames *Truman, *Kent, *H. Johnson. Annual members, 24.

SCHOMBERG.

Pres., Mrs. C. Somerset; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Brereton; Treas., Mrs. J.
Brydon. *Mrs. M. Pearson; *Miss Davis. Annual members, 17.

STREETSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. Hicks; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Campbell (Box 580); Treas., Mrs.
McHugh. Annual members, 20.

TOTTENHAM.

Pres., Mrs. H. Stone; Cor. Sec., ———; Treas., Mrs. A. Greenaway.
Members, 18.

THORNTON.

Pres., Mrs. W. A. Jamieson; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Lennox; Treas., Miss S.
Boake. Members, 18.

THORNBURY.

Pres., Mrs. Wellwood; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hutton; Treas., Mrs. Fawell.
*Mrs. Hurlburt; *Miss Stevenson. Annual members, 16.

THOMPSONVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. J. Banting; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Reynolds; Treas., Mrs. G.
Atkins. Annual members, 21.

TORONTO, BATHURST STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Carscallen; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Almond (36 Olive Ave.); Treas.,
*Mrs. A. W. Lee. Mesdames *(Rev.) G. Browne, *D. E. Starr, *(Rev.) J. H.
Starr; Misses *Nellie Starr, *Edna Starr, *Marion Starr, *E. E. Lawson, *O.
Lee. Annual members, 34.

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TORONTO, BERKELEY STREET.

Pres., *Miss Storm; Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. A. Bowden, 105 Berkeley Street; Treas., Mrs. F. Hillock. Mesdames *W. S. Blackstock, *Medcalf, *Ball, *E. Coatsworth, *E. Coatsworth, jun., *E. Galley, *R. Galley, *Lumsden, *S. R. Wickett, *Ockley, *Kilborn, *Wilkinson; *Miss E. Galley. Annual members, 41.

TORONTO, BROADWAY TABERNACLE.

Pres., *Mrs. Gundy; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Bowerman, 292 Huron Street; Treas., Mrs. W. H. Gilpin. Mesdames *Milburn, *Waddell, *Ruse, *Odey, *Bayne, *E. P. Campbell, *E. Pearse; Misses *E. Pringle, *K. Large. Annual members, 73.

TORONTO, CARLTON STREET.

Pres., Mrs. S. J. Hunter; Cor. Sec., Miss McCormack, 26 Grosvenor Street; Treas., Mrs. J. Downey. Mesdames *T. Thompson, *U. Ogden, *H. Gooderham, *Hough, *Tackaberry, *F. Walker, *R. I. Walker, *B. Thompson, *J. Lawson, *Boyes; Misses *Bigelow, *Clark, *MacCallum, *Somerset, *Ogden, *Walker. Annual members, 37.

TORONTO, CENTRAL CHURCH.

Pres., *Mrs. D. G. Sutherland; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Brownell, 33 St. Mary Street; Treas., Miss J. MacCallum. Mesdames *G. J. Bishop, *Maxwell, *Sanders, *T. H. Bull, *Blight, *Trick, *Brett, *E. James, *Orr, *Smith, *W. E. H. Massey, *Self; Misses *May Sutherland, *C. Sutherland, *Self, *J. MacCallum. Annual members, 54.

TORONTO, CRAWFORD STREET.

Pres., Mrs. R. Garbutt; Cor. Sec., Miss B. Dunlop, 291 Crawford Street; Treas., Mrs. R. Johnston. Annual members, 24.

TORONTO, ELM STREET.

Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. German; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Powell, 167 College Street; Treas., Miss L. Wilson. Mesdames *McGee, *Jennings, *Parker, *Forbes, *Tucker, *Hanna. Annual members, 28.

TORONTO, EUCLID AVENUE.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) E. S. Rowe; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. L. Munro, 103 Strachan Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Price. Annual members, 18.

TORONTO, GERRARD STREET.

Pres., Mrs. J. S. Harker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. D. B. Kissock, 152 Spruce Street; Treas., Mrs. W. T. Brown. Annual members, 15.

TORONTO JUNCTION.

Pres., *Mrs. Fennell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. L. Joy; Treas., Mrs. (Dr.) Martin. Mesdames *Large, *C. K. Burt, *Hepinstall, *Hill. Annual members, 28.

TORONTO, KING STREET.

Pres., Mrs. A. F. Albright; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Summerville, 493 King Street East; Treas., Mrs. Murphy. Annual members, 9.

TORONTO, METROPOLITAN.

Pres., *Mrs. J. B. Willmott; Cor. Sec., Mrs. L. M. Sweetnam, corner Church and Shuter Streets; Treas., Mrs. R. A. Wood. Mesdames *W. T. Aikins, *J. Allen, *E. Bull, *Bull, jun., *W. S. Finch, *E. Gurney, *G. Kerr, *D. Kerr, *Lander, *A. J. Mason, *J. J. Maclaren, *Magurn, *H. A. Massey, *J. M. Treble, *W. H. Pearson, *Roper, *Segsworth, *R. Wilkes, *A. W. Austin; Misses *Kennedy, *McGuffin, *M. Wilkes, *A. J. Johnstone. Annual members, 76.

TORONTO, NEW RICHMOND.

Pres., *Mrs. Stuart; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Woollings, 30 Orde Street; Treas., Mrs. Tallmadge. Mesdames *Chambers, *Henderson. Annual members, 29.

TORONTO, PARKDALE.

Pres., *Mrs. Bascom; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. C. Biggs, 149 Dunn Avenue; Treas., Mrs. M. P. Clemes. Mesdames *Godfrey, *Wilson, *Cullen, *McGill, *Atkinson, *Hamilton, *E. A. Stevens, *Chadwick. Annual members, 67.

TORONTO, PARLIAMENT STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Robertson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. J. Fleming, 325 Parliament Street; Treas., *Mrs. R. H. Self. Annual members, 38.

TORONTO, QUEEN STREET.

Pres., *Mrs. W. W. Ogden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. C. Paterson, 11 Bellevue Place; Treas., *Mrs. S. M. Hay. Mesdames *E. Leadley, *G. Willcock, *J. Price, *J. Baxter, *J. J. Williams; *Miss E. Price. Annual members, 82.

TORONTO, SHERBOURNE STREET.

Pres., *Mrs. Barnett; Cor. Sec., *Mrs. Ziegler, 423 Sherbourne Street; Treas., Mrs. Hawken. Mesdames *R. Brown, *Fudger, *Flavelle, *Grey, *Sutherland, *Henderson, *Croft, *Ross, *Willmott; Misses *M. Jeffrey, *Ellis, *Gooderham. Annual members, 100.

TORONTO, ST. ALBAN'S.

Pres., *Mrs. H. Gray; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Sherlock, 116 Macdonell Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Harris. Annual members, 34.

TORONTO, ST. PAUL'S.

Pres., *Mrs. E. E. Scott; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Armstrong, 10 Tranby Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Smith. Annual members, 44.

TORONTO, ST. CLARENS AVENUE.

Pres., Mrs. Cather; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Farrants, 1121 College Street; Treas., Mrs. Pringle. Annual members, 11.

TORONTO, TRINITY.

Pres., Mrs. Jones; Cor. Sec., Miss M. E. Good, 35 Lowther Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Milner. Mesdames *Shore, *Peterson, *Galley, *Archibald, *Philp, *Dignam, *Wilson, *Wallace, *Chown. Annual members, 47.

TORONTO, WESLEY CHURCH.

Pres., Mrs. G. Pepall; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Aikins, 311 Shaw Street; Treas., Mrs. McCann. Mesdames *Ward, *W. Burns, *Rogers, *Magurn. Annual members, 53.

TORONTO, YONGE STREET.

Pres., *Mrs. Macdonald; Cor. Sec., Miss Manley, Deer Park; Treas., Miss Sims. Mesdames *Lewis, *Morrow, *Grant, *McKillop, *Patterson, *Parker, *Calvert, *Holmes, *Graham; Misses *Macdonald, McMichael.

UNIONVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. Wm. Caseley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Devlin; Treas., Mrs. Meyer. Annual members, 15.

UXBRIDGE.

Pres., Mrs. Broddy; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. F. Brownscombe; Treas., Mrs. Archer. *Mrs. H. A. Crosby. Annual members, 31.

VROOMANTON.

No names sent.

VICTORIA SQUARE.

Pres., Mrs. R. L. Nichol; Cor. Sec., Miss Hopper; Treas., Mrs. S. M. Brown.

WHITTINGTON.

Pres., Mrs. Sawtell; Cor. Sec., Miss Ledlow.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As far as can be tabulated, the report of Bay of Quinte Conference Branch is most encouraging this year. But much that is of vital importance to the individual member of each Auxiliary, as well as to the Society, cannot be tabulated. The work done by the Society in moulding character and making better and more unselfish lives can never be told in reports. The value of small gifts is not yet properly appreciated by the Church.

The reports from Auxiliaries this year have been most interesting. One tells of its progress at the following rate: "Organized in 1894; 7 members, \$20.00; for 1895, 9 members, \$30.00; for 1896, 10 members, \$40.00; for 1897, 12 members, \$45.00." A new Auxiliary, in their first year's report, states: "We have prayed specially in our meetings that we may understand the work." Another Auxiliary has doubled its membership this year, with an increase of \$9.50 in givings. Another has doubled last year's thank-offering. Another again has trebled its givings of last year. Another reports "scattered members strong" in connection with Auxiliary. Twenty-four Auxiliaries report gifts of clothes and bedding. Collections were made in some for the Indian Famine Fund, which, of course, diminishes our income for the year. Eleven new Auxiliaries have been organized since the last Branch meeting. They are: Doxsee's, Davis, Fish Lake, Green Point, Morven, Marlbank, Pickering, Plainville, Rawdon Circuit, Bogart and Hazzard's Corners.

Number of Auxiliaries	142	Increase	9
" Annual members	2,878	" 	116
" Life-members	92	" 	8
Total membership	2,970	" 	124
Number of Mission Bands ..			36
Mission Band membership			825

Eight new bands organized: Campbellford, Castleton, Stockdale, Sydney Church, Frankford, Courtice, Dalrymple and Deseronto.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH,
1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1896-97.
Ameliasburg	14	..	14	9	\$18 03
Anderson .....	..	..	..	..	..
Adolphustown	15	..	15	9	19 40
Belleville—Bridge Street	150	9	159	35	326 29
—Tabernacle	43	7	50	9	160 82
—Holloway Street	37	1	38	12	53 73
Baltimore	18	..	18	7	33 50
Bowmanville	28	5	33	14	68 75
Bloomfield	40	..	40	11	68 65
Bethany (Hay Bay)	24	..	24	8	50 00
Bath	14	..	14	7	38 94
Baillieboro'	15	..	15	9	30 50
Bayside	18	..	18	7	37 46
Brighton	20	1	21	6	22 82
Bethel	8	..	8	6	9 60
Bridgenorth	12	1	13	9	44 30
Bobcaygeon	11	..	11	..	..
Bancroft	5	..	5	6	11 50
Bethesda	10	..	10	5	27 15
Bayview	13	..	13	11	28 20
Bay	9	..	9	7	13 91
Brooklin	15	1	16	7	20 00
Bethany (Northumberland) .....	..	..	..	..	..
Beulah .....	..	..	..	..	..
Cobourg—King Street	16	1	17	..	31 60
—Division Street	23	1	24	11	77 69
Castleton	17	2	19	12	46 82
Chatterton	13	2	15	6	51 78
Carmel .....	..	..	..	..	..
Cannington	14	1	15	10	83 44
Colborne	24	..	24	12	36 90
Courtice	32	1	33	15	68 00
Consecon	13	..	13	7	23 10
Claremont	13	..	13	7	18 00
Cherry Valley	37	..	37	14	79 02
Cashel	10	..	10	6	10 00

STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1896-97.
Carrying Place	10	..	10	8	\$25 00
Carman	14	..	14	7	14 00
Cannifton	11	1	12	7	30 00
Coe Hill .....	..	..	..	..	....
Centreville .....	..	..	..	..	....
Cressy .....	..	..	..	..	....
Deseronto	32	..	32	14	36 25
Dartford	13	..	13	8	27 05
Demorestville	16	..	16	8	21 22
Dalrymple	17	..	17	14	61 35
Doxsee's .....	..	..	..	..	....
Davis .....	..	..	..	..	....
Eden	12	..	12	9	45 00
Enniskillen	9	..	9	..	14 25
Eden Grove	10	..	10	7	17 10
Eldorado	13	..	13	9	43 79
Enterprise	6	..	6	5	12 00
Foxboro'	18	..	18	11	33 45
Foxboro' North	19	1	20	12	24 50
Frankford	37	..	37	16	67 50
Fish Lake	8	..	8	..	7 50
Grafton	11	..	11	7	10 85
Green Point	11	..	11	8	13 25
Havelock	12	..	12	..	....
Hampton	13	1	14	9	22 70
Hilton	15	..	15	6	26 00
Hillier	12	..	12	6	15 50
Hastings	27	1	28	15	92 57
Hawley	10	..	10	7	18 00
Hazzard's Corners	16	..	16	8	20 17
Ivanhoe	14	..	14	..	14 24
Keene	19	1	20	10	27 75
Lakefield	19	2	21	10	67 53
Little Britain	24	..	24	11	28 50
Lonsdale and Empey Hill	7	..	7	..	17 50
Lindsay	45	2	47	11	83 75
Lodge Room (Tweed)	10	..	10	8	16 30
Marmora	10	..	10	6	13 70
Millbrook	20	2	22	10	74 95
Madoc	22	6	28	10	32 77
Manilla	9	..	9	5	17 65
Moira	25	2	27	12	28 00
Mount Pleasant	15	..	15	8	23 00

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STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.		Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1896-97.
00	Mount Carmel	4	..	4	..	\$7 00
00	Mount Olivet .....	..	..	2	..	6 50
00	Morganston .....	..	..	..	..	..
	Melrose	12	..	12	..	12 25
	Mountain View	11	..	11	6	24 00
	Marlbank	10	..	10	7	11 00
25	Napanee East	86	5	91	30	167 73
05	" West	56	..	56	14	85 48
22	Newburgh	14	..	14	6	24 06
35	Newcastle	29	1	30	10	47 07
	Norham	18	1	19	8	49 18
	Newtonville	22	..	22	8	33 55
00	Northport	14	1	15	7	31 00
25	Norwood	19	..	19	7	40 88
10	Oshawa—Simcoe Street	43	1	44	18	148 47
79	—Metcalf Street	22	..	22	10	30 77
00	Oakwood	18	..	18	10	42 88
45	Orono and Kirby	55	1	56	20	97 07
50	Odessa	24	..	24	10	29 25
50	Omeme	19	..	19	10	24 80
50	Peterboro'—George Street	58	6	64	24	109 01
85	—Charlotte Street	24	1	25	10	39 10
25	—Mark Street	11	..	11	11	27 00
	Picton—First Church	68	5	73	24	209 65
	—Main Street	15	..	15	9	26 32
70	Pontypool	11	..	11	9	14 62
00	Port Hope	61	2	63	20	136 59
50	Pickering	6	..	6	..	6 50
57	Plainfield	25	..	25	12	35 00
00	Port Perry	32	1	33	16	86 95
17	Point Traverse	17	..	17	6	24 03
24	Plainville .....	..	..	..	..	..
75	Rosehall	28	..	28	11	38 10
53	Rednersville	18	..	18	9	28 60
50	Smithfield	33	1	34	17	64 29
7	Salem	23	..	23	7	24 00
3	Shannonville	27	..	27	14	28 25
30	Selby	32	..	32	17	56 00
70	Stirling	23	..	23	12	44 71
4	South Bay and Milford	31	..	31	16	49 55
77	Springbrook	9	..	9	..	17 50
7	Sydney	58	2	60	12	73 97
00	Solmesville	12	..	12	7	32 98

STATISTICAL REPORT, BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treas., 1896-97.
Shiloh	8	..	8	5	\$13 60
South Dummer	8	..	8	5	8 00
Sillsville	11	..	11	8	14 35
Switzerville	11	..	11	6	13 50
Tamworth	21	..	21	7	36 25
Thomasburg	25	4	29	7	54 00
Tweed	34	1	35	8	88 02
Trenton	26	..	26	9	42 60
—Grace Church	12	..	12	..	....
Wellington	27	..	27	12	39 20
Wicklow	25	1	26	15	28 75
Warkworth	28	1	29	8	47 00
Warsaw	12	..	12	6	24 00
Wilfrid	20	..	20	9	46 89
Wooler	25	..	25	15	49 30
Whitby	18	2	20	9	70 78
Wesley	11	..	11	8	17 60
Westlake	11	..	11	..	11 00
Westwood
Young's	5	..	5	..	5 00
Yarker	3	..	3
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RECEIPTS.

To Balance	\$8 42
Received from Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands	5695 39
Collections at Branch Meeting	14 50
Badges	0 75
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EXPENDITURE.

By Amount sent to General Treasurer—	
First Quarter	\$744 81
Second "	858 70
Third "	1727 42
Fourth "	2250 17
	<u>\$5581 10</u>
President's expenses	\$10 00
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	14 50
Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands	3 40
Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving	13 06

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Cards and Printing	5 00
Organizers' expenses.....	27 65
Officers' travelling expenses	28 67
Branch meeting expenses, printing, etc	13 20
Treasurer's expenses.....	2 72
	\$137 96
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This is to certify that I have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct.

JAS. ANDERSON, *Auditor.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

The fourth annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held in George Street Church, Peterboro', on October 5th, 6th and 7th. One hundred and four delegates attended.

The President, Mrs. G. D. Platt, occupied the chair. Her annual address was particularly helpful and inspiring—a grateful review of the past, a hopeful outlook into the future, an earnest appeal to the workers to be more conscientious than ever in observing the conditions of success.

An impressive "In Memoriam" service was conducted by Mrs. T. M. Campbell, who spoke touching words relative to the great bereavement the Branch had sustained in the death of fourteen beloved sisters. The delegates from their respective Auxiliaries bore testimony to their useful lives, their triumphant deaths. A loving tribute was also paid to the memory of Miss Ford, who at one time was a member of this Branch.

The Consecration service, led by our honored guest, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) J. A. Williams, was an hour of great spiritual uplift and blessing.

The reports given by the Organizers showed increased interest and progress on all the Districts. Ten new Auxiliaries and five new Bands have been added to the list.

The Treasurer reported a financial increase of \$653.75.

The Corresponding Secretary reported an increase in the membership of 116.

The M. B. Corresponding Secretary also reported an increase both in membership and finances.

The first annual report from the Department of Proportionate and Systematic Giving presented by the Branch Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) Sing, was very gratifying, showing that during the year 225 had pledged themselves to conform to this rule of giving.

The "Free Parliament" opened on Thursday morning and proved a very interesting and profitable exercise. Many topics of practical interest to Auxiliary workers were discussed in bright, intelligent fashion, and the hints and suggestions carried home by the delegates must result in more efficient service during the coming year.

The public meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were largely attended, and were replete with interest. A special feature was the address of Miss Spence, of Dr. Bolton's Hospital, Port Simpson, who gave us much interesting and valuable information respecting the progress of our missionary work in British Columbia.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in Picton was accepted. Mrs. (Rev.) Jewell was appointed Conference representative.

The new by-laws are as follows :

1. All memorials originating in this Branch, either from District Conventions, Auxiliaries, or from any member of an Auxiliary, must be sent to the Branch Corresponding Secretary not later than the 20th of September of each year.

2. All reports to our Ministerial District Meetings shall henceforth correspond with the amount credited to the Auxiliary in the last Annual Report.

The following recommendations were issued :

That we give greater prominence to the "Scattered Helpers" scheme, that we do all in our power to induce the women of our congregations who are not members of an Auxiliary to contribute to this fund, and that they be regularly invited to attend our meetings.

With reference to our "Missionary Sunday," the Branch advises that our ministers be asked to preach annual missionary sermons in the interests of our work. Where this is not practicable, it is recommended that either the local Auxiliary furnish a suitable programme, or procure a lady from another Auxiliary to give the Annual Address.

The Branch also advised the discontinuance of public receptions given by the churches who entertain our Branch Meetings, not only on the ground of the labor and expense entailed by the furnishing of an elaborate supper, but also in view of the fact that many women of the local congregations are thereby prevented from attending some of the most important sessions of the Convention.

The Memorials sent out by the Branch will be found in the Minutes of Board proceedings.

The Convention, by a standing vote, endorsed a resolution of deep regret because of the retirement of Mrs. James Kendry, of Peterboro', from official connection with our Branch, coupled with a most heartfelt expression of gratitude for her years of faithful and efficient service.

The delegates also warmly supported a most sincere vote of thanks to the pastor, trustees, organist and choir of the George Street Church, the local press, and especially to the ladies of Peterboro', who so kindly and hospitably entertained us in their homes and gave us such a delightful reception in the church parlors on Tuesday evening.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Tweed.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Levi Massey, Wallbridge.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) T. M. Campbell, Campbellford.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Copeland, Deseronto.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. A. W. Grange, Napanee.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, Hastings.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Miss M. G. Hawley, Bath.

ORGANIZERS :

<i>Belleville</i>	Mrs. L. Massey, Wallbridge.
<i>Brighton</i>	Mrs. Hendrick, Frankford.
<i>Bowmanville</i>	Miss Tourgee, Orono.
<i>Cannington</i>	Mrs. Prouse, Little Britain.
<i>Cobourg</i> ..	Mrs. (Rev.) M. E. Wilson, Newtonville.
<i>Campbellford</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell, Hastings.
<i>Lindsay</i>	Mrs. Weldon, Lindsay.
<i>Napanee</i>	Mrs. Stephen Gibson, Napanee.
<i>Madoc</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, Tweed.
<i>Peterboro'</i>	Mrs. J. C. Sherin, Lakefield.
<i>Picton</i>	Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.
<i>Tamworth</i>	Mrs. A. W. Grange, Napanee.
<i>Whitby</i>	Miss Maud Lambly, Brooklin.

Mrs. (Rev.) S. Sing, Northport, was reappointed Branch Superintendent of Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

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SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees	\$2821 00
Life-members' fees	150 00
Mission Bands	543 91
Donations and thank-offerings.....	1141 69
Mite-boxes	131 10
Scattered Helpers' fund.....	21 34
Extra Cent a Day fund.....	202 88
Miscellaneous	707 14
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SPECIAL DONATIONS IN BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. Campbell for Indian Work.....	\$25 00
Mrs. (Rev.) Sing, Northport. Special for China.....	6 00
Picton "Extra Cent a Day Fund".....	80 65
Mrs. Best's class, Peterboro', for Tokyo Orphanage.....	17 00
Dalrymple M. B., for support of Bible-woman, Japan.....	28 50
Cheerful Workers, Lakefield, Child in Japan.....	14 00
" " " Indian Work.....	2 71
Albert College M. B., two girls, China	52 00
Belleville (Bridge St.) "Extra Cent a Day Fund".....	122 23
Bethany Auxiliary—Mrs. (Rev.) T. Snowden, \$1.25; Mrs. C. B. Parks, 5.00; Mrs. Chas. Rendell, 3.00	9 25
Courtice Choral Class for Chinese girl.....	26 00

REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

While we are not able to report great things in this department of our work we are thankful for some measure of success, and the work is steadily, though slowly, going forward. Our statistics show advancement, and yet this reveals but little of the real nature of the work being done, as it is largely educational in character, which requires time and patience to develop, the results of which shall undoubtedly appear in due time to adorn and further Missionary and every other Christian work. There has been a great deal of practical work done, interest deepened, spiritual life quickened and brought into existence. Nearly every Band has contributed something, and many a great deal, towards the necessity of home interests or sent help through the Supply Committee. Every report sent out expressed earnest regret that larger returns had not been made and hoped to do better next year. The present need of this work is devoted presidents to lead forward a young host waiting and longing to enter upon the work. This desire reaches us from every quarter. Oh, for a volunteer movement for this home work! Patience and self-denial will be amply rewarded here as well as abroad. I would humbly suggest that prayer be offered for this supply. Four Bands have dropped out from various causes, but report eight new ones, viz., Campbellford, Castleton (Juvenile), Courtice, Dalrymple, Stockdale, Frankford, Sidney Church, and Deseronto. Number of bands, 37. Annual members, 825. Life-members, 25. Amount paid Branch Treasurer, \$568.68.

M. G. HAWLEY.

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

Belleville Jubilee.—(1892) Mrs. W. W. Chown, Charles M. Reid, Miss Jennie Higginbotham; (1893) Miss Tillie Craig, Mrs. Moss (*née* Clara Craig), Miss B. Dazin; (1894) Mrs. Joseph Craig.

Belleville University.—(1892) Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, (1893) Miss Allo Carman.

Lakefield.—(1893) John Hull, Esq.

Lindsay, Queen St.—Misses I. Gilpen, Hazel Mitchell.

Lindsay, Excelsior.—(1897) Miss Lillie Rogers.

Napanee E. Church.—(1894) Mrs. W. W. Miller.

Newburgh.—(1893) Mesdames H. L. Wilson, Nelson McKim (Montreal), Miss H. M. Paul (Crosby Home, Port Simpson).

Oshawa, Simcoe St.—(1893) Miss H. M. Dingle; (1894) Miss M. Duke, Mesdames A. Sykes, J. Gould, W. Pernton.

Orono.—(1893) Miss Della Brown.

Castleton.—(1897) Miss Georgianna Watt.

Tweed.—(1897) Miss Annie Wilson.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

Belleville District.

Belleville, Bridge St.

“ Tabernacle.

“ Holloway St.

Sidney.

Foxboro’.

“ North.

Cannifton.

Chatterton.

Carmel.

Lonsdale and Empey Hill.

Bayside.

Plainfield.

Shannonville.

Moira.

Melrose.

Brighton District.

Brighton.

Smithfield.

Colborne.

Trenton.

“ Grace Church.

Frankford.

Salem.

Wooler.

Hilton.

Wicklow.

Castleton.

Carman.

Grafton.

Shiloh.

Eden Grove.

Mount Olivet.

Mount Carmel.

Morganston.

Bowmanville District.

Bowmanville.

Oshawa, Simcoe St.

“ Metcalf St.

Orono Circuit.

Newcastle.

Hampton.

Courtice.

Newtonville.

Enniskillen.

Campbellford District.

Campbellford.

Stirling.

Hastings.

Norwood.

Warkworth.

Norham.

Dartford.

Havelock.

South Dummer.

Keene.

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Selby.
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Cannington District.

Cannington.
 Manilla.
 Wilfrid.
 Oakwood.
 Eden.
 Little Britain.
 Dalrymple.
 Zion.

Cobourg District.

Cobourg.
 Port Hope.
 Baltimore.
 Bethesda.
 Plainville.

Lindsay District.

Lindsay
 Omemee.
 Bobcaygeon.

Madoc District.

Madoc.
 Tweed.
 " Lodge Room.
 Thomasburg.
 Marmora.
 Ivanhoe.
 Cashel.
 Eldorado.
 Hazzard's Corners.
 Bogart.
 St. Ola.

Napanee District.

Napanee East.
 " West.
 Bethany (Hay Bay).
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 Bath.
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 Wesley.
 Odessa.
 Newburgh.
 Anderson.
 Adolphustown.
 Selby.
 Beulah.
 Centreville.
 Enterprise.
 Sillsville.
 Switzerville.

Peterboro' District.

Peterboro', George St.
 " Charlotte St.
 " Mark St.
 Lakefield.
 Baillieboro'.
 Millbrook.
 Pontypool.
 Bridgenorth.
 Warsaw.
 Bethany (Northumberland).

Picton District.

Picton.
 " Main St.
 Bloomfield.
 Cherry Valley.
 South Bay and Milford.
 Wellington.
 Rosehall.
 Mount Pleasant.
 Ameliasburg.
 Rednersville (Centre Church).
 Demorestville.
 Consecon.
 Carrying Place.
 Mountain View.
 Bethel.
 Hillier.
 Solmesville.
 Bay View.
 Westlake.
 Cressy.
 Young.
 Northport.
 Point Traverse.
 Fish Lake.
 Green Point.

Tamworth District.

Tamworth.
 Marlbank.

Whitby District.

Whitby.
 Port Perry.
 Claremont.
 Pickering.
 Brooklin.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, BAY OF
QUINTE BRANCH, 1896-97.

PLACE.	NAME OF BAND.	Number of Mem- bers, 1897.	Life-members..	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Bayside.....	Wayside Workers	31	..	\$6 60
Bath	Gleaners	10	..	4 13
Belleville	Albert College.....	61	..	52 00
—Bridge Street	Jubilee	60	7	20 05
—Holloway Street.....	Glad Tidings	17	..	5 57
—Tabernacle	Mission Band.....	35	..	29 53
—University	Mission Band.....	11	2	30 82
Castleton	Careful Gleaners	16	..	7 65
* " Juvenile	Nightingale .....	..	1	5 42
†Claremont	Happy Helpers .....	..	..	.. ..
*Courtice .....	.. ..	..	..	25 00
*Campbellford	The Dayspring	60	..	13 45
Demorestville	Sunbeam.....	7	..	1 75
† " (Davis)	Circle .....	..	..	.. ..
*Dalrymple	Wide Awake	19	..	28 50
Foxboro'	Gleaners for the Master	26	..	9 19
*Frankford	Earnest Workers	13	..	15 00
Hastings	Friendly League.....	24	..	10 22
Keene	Easter Otonabee.....	20	..	4 50
Lakefield	Sunshine	10	1	8 02
"	The Cheerful Workers	30	..	22 91
Lindsay	Excelsior	9	1	55 25
"	Little Lights	20	..	21 75
" Queen Street.	Wayside Gleaners	15	2	6 00
Manilla	Nightingale	13	..	14 24
Napanee—Eastern Church ..	Mission Circle	22	1	6 00
"	Gleaners and Reapers	40	..	16 70
Newburgh	Daughters of Zion	12	3	.. ..
Northport	Maple Leaf	10	..	4 00
Orono	Little Gleaners	44	1	11 53
Oshawa—Simcoe Street	Circle	44	5	57 67
Peterboro'—George Street...	Light Bearers	35	..	23 35
Picton	The Nellie Hart	10	..	9 00
Port Hope	Mission Circle	8	..	9 16
Smithfield	Sunshine Gatherers	40	..	10 72
Springbrook.....	Mission Band.....	15	..	5 00
†Sidney Crossing	Mission Band.....	..	..	13 30
Solmesville	Little Helpers	12	..	9 22
*Stockdale	Mission Band.....	37	..	29 24
Tweed	Sunbeam.....	54	1	20 00

* New Band.

† Disbanded.

Total membership 825
Total amount sent to Branch Treasurer \$568 68

ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF MISSION BANDS AND CIRCLES.

ADDRESS.	NAME OF SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Bayside	Wayside Workers	Mrs. W. R. Graham.	Miss Jessie Gilbert.
Bath	Gleaners	Mr. E. P. Shepherd..	" Annie Hogle.
Belleville	Albert College ..	Miss B. Robinson....	" H. M. Ward.
" Bridge St..	Jubilee	" Ella Sulman	" Jessie Elliot.
"	Tabernacle	Mrs. A. C. Maybee ..	" Effie Sandford.
"	University	Miss M. Greenleaf ..	" Lydia Osborne.
"	Glad Tidings	Mrs. R. Row	" Emily C. Jones.
Castleton	Careful Gleaners.	" M. Richards....	" Lottie May.
"	Nightingale	Mrs. D. I. Rose	Master Orlaf Newman.
Courtice .....	.....	.....	.....
Campbellford ..	The Dayspring ..	Mrs. C. W. Turner ..	Miss Della Eaton.
Demorestville..	Sunbeam	Miss Alma Johnson..	" Retta Gosline.
Dalrymple	Wide Awake.....	.....	" Mabel Day.
Foxboro'	Gleaners for the Master	Mrs. A. Hubble	Master F. Eggleston.
Frankford	Earnest Workers	" D. I. Rose	Miss A. Smith.
Hastings	Friendly League.	Miss Daisy Jewell ..	.....
Keene	Easter Otonabee.	.....	Miss Belle Howson.
Lakefield	Sunshine	Mrs. (Dr.) Burgess ..	" Cox.
"	The Cheerful Workers	" J. C. Sherin	" M. Fitzgerald.
Lindsay	Excelsior	" G. Scott	" M. Hansen.
"	Little Lights	" M. Bowes	" E. L. Flavelle.
" Queen St.	Wayside Gleaners	" McFarlane	" Sara R. Fee.
Manilla	Nightingale	" Thos. Shearer ..	" B. Whether.
Napanee	Eastern Church..	" J. A. Vanluven ..	" Laura Hogle.
"	Gleaners and Reapers	" H. E. Richardson	" Emma Hawley.
Newburgh	Daughters of Zion	" C. L. Thompson	" Clara Shorey.
Northport	Maple Leaf	" T. Twigg	" Mary McLean.
Orono	Little Gleaners..	" Lydia Tourgee..	" Lena Moment.
Oshawa	Simcoe St.	Miss A. Workman ..	" Emma Levey.
Peterboro'	George St. Missi'n Band'	Mrs. J. Kendry	Mrs. Chas. Turner.
Picton	The Nellie Hart.	Miss Minnie Cole....	Miss Edna Brewer.
Port Hope	Mission Circle ..	Mrs. Stott	" Ettie B. Chislett.
Smithfield	Sunshine Gather's	Miss A. H. Drewry ..	" Mabel Scriver.
Springbrook ...	Mission Band ...	" Ida Burkett	Master W. Bateman.
Sidney Crossing	" .....	.....	Miss M. R. Gerow.
Solmesville	Little Helpers ..	Miss Olive Rowe	" Myrtle Way.
Stockdale	Mission Band ...	" Olive Johnson ..	" Annie Foster.
Tweed	Sunbeam	" Annie C. Wilson	" Annie Frost.

MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-Members.*

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH.

AMELIASBURG.

Pres., Mrs. Harvey; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Webb; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Simonds; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Sprague; Rec. Sec., Miss Bunton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. Sprague; Treas., Mrs. E. Roblin. Mesdames Carnrite, H. Dempsey, D. Gibson, J. Gibson, T. Wood, (Rev.) Moran; Miss Muriel Sprague.

ANDERSON.

No report sent.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.

Pres., Mrs. W. Hawley; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. C. Allison; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Shorey; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Carr; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Hawley; Treas., Miss A. Davis. Mesdames R. Allison, Clapp, M. Davis, Gunsolus, Joyce, Phippen, Ruttan, Roblin; Miss Hart.

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BETHANY (NORTHUMBERLAND).

No report sent.

BEULAH.

No report sent.

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Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. Clarke; *1st V.-Pres., Mrs. J. E. Farewell; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Jas. Holden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Barnard; Cor. Sec., Miss J. Marsh; Treas., Mrs. Stephenson. Mesdames J. E. Farewell, Jno. Irving, Hare, Greenwood, Taylor, Manning, Hogarth, Mowbray, Whitfield, Martin, Rice, Tamblin, Woodruffe; Miss Richardson, Hayward.

WICKLOW.

Pres., Miss Lumley; 1st V.-Pres., Miss Georgie Hall; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Bowen; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bellamy; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Roberts; Treas., Miss Usher. Mesdames Flynn, Locke, Finton, Jamieson, Teney, Machlin, Wilson, Foster, Stone, Howard, Usher, Winter, Kellogg; Misses Rigg, Card, *Richards, Hall, Flynn. Honorary members—Mr. Bowen, Mr. Rigg.

WILFRID.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) J. S. I. Wilson; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Lloyd; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. R. Griffith; Rec. Sec., Miss L. Jackson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. P. Dalglish; Treas., Miss E. Corner. Mesdames J. Hart, J. Vallentyne, W. Hart, Marr, Wm. Vallentyne, S. Miller, Wm. Taylor, E. Corner, R. Hart, T. Rodgers, J. St. John; Misses A. Bunt, M. Switzer, V. Corner.

WOOLER.

Pres., Miss Tillie Bell; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. W. Darland; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. W. Gould; Rec. Sec., Mrs. L. L. Gould; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. G. Abbott; Treas., Mrs. (Rev.) Woodger. Mesdames R. Bell, Holland, Rowe, Richards, E. McCall, McMasters; J. W. Downs, W. J. Bell, Ruttan, Garrett, J. W. Crews, J. Henesey, W. R. Bell, W. Buck, A. B. Werrel, Steinburg, Wm. Bell, A. Smith; Misses Crews, Sykes.

ZION.

Pres., Mrs. Jas. Hurren; V.-Pres., Miss Mary Shier; Rec. Sec., Miss Letitia Shier; Cor. Sec., Miss Bertha M. Shier; Treas., Mrs. Robt. Beatty. Mrs. Robt. Thompson.

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MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The record of another year of opportunities and privileges in our Woman's Missionary work is beyond recall. We cannot doubt but it has been a year of blessing to many, as the spiritual advantages that come to us through this work place us under greater obligations to our heavenly Father, who has called us to be co-workers with Him. Seven Auxiliaries have been organized, and six we reported last year have grown weary in well-doing. The new Auxiliaries are Ashton, Beachburg, Carp, Elgin, Grenville, Hemmingford and Warden.

Number of Auxiliaries	96
" Life-members	99
Total membership	2,159
Number of Mission Bands ..	31
Mission Band members	616
Total amount remitted to Branch Treasurer	\$4,826 00

M. M. WILLIAMS, *Cor. Sec.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Montreal Conference Branch opened in the Methodist Church, Cornwall, on Tuesday, October 5th, and continued in session two days. The President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, occupied the chair, and conducted the opening exercises. After the roll was called, a paper, prepared by Mrs. J. Ross, Montreal, in loving memory of our departed missionaries, was read, and a short "In Memoriam" service followed, when several delegates made reference to those members who had, during the year, heard the Master's call and gone to their reward.

The absence of Mrs. McRossie, our First Vice-President, was much regretted, and a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with her in the bereavement which has befallen her during the year.

The devotional exercises at the opening of each session were of a very helpful character, and tended to strengthen the spiritual life of all present. The testimony service conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) W. L. Scott, was a profitable one.

Reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were hopeful, encouraging, and in some cases enthusiastic.

One of the most pleasing features of the Convention was the presence of our returned missionary, Miss Spence, of Port Simpson, who received a hearty welcome from the delegates, and brought us into closer touch and sympathy with hospital work among the Indians. Besides addressing the Convention, Miss Spence gave a most interesting account of her work on Tuesday evening.

Public meetings on both evenings afforded instruction, presented in attractive form. Words of welcome were extended to visitors, to which a suitable reply was given. Greetings were received from three sister societies and also from Miss McArthur, who represented the W. C. T. U., all of which breathed a spirit of Christian love and good-will.

Addresses were delivered by the President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, and Mrs. (Dr.) T. G. Williams, which were inspiring and encouraging. Singing by the Cornwall Island Indian choir and selections by members of the church choir added much to the enjoyment.

Business sessions were occupied with reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Mission Band Secretary, and a practical paper on "Systematic Giving," by Mrs. Conley, which was followed by the report of Miss Percival, Superintendent of that department.

Other interesting items were an Organizers' Conference, a suggestive paper on "Missionary Literature," prepared by Mrs. H. A. Lavell; and an Auxiliary "Round Table," when useful information was gained by an interchange of ideas. Letters were read from the Editor of the *Palm Branch*, and from Mrs. Raley, of Kitamaat; also reports of Supply Committee and French Mission Schools.

The following by-law was passed: That District Organizers and the Superintendent of Systematic Giving be *ex-officio* members of this Conference Branch and be provided with billets, but shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses. Notices of motions and suggested changes in the Constitution were presented to the meeting and acted upon.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, the usual votes of thanks given, and this most helpful convention was brought to a close.

<i>President</i>	Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	" Bigelow, Cornwall.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	" McRossie, Kingston.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	" Hughes, Perth.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	" (Dr.) T. G. Williams, Sherbrooke.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	" J. W. Knox, Montreal.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" (Dr.) Sparks, Kingston.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec</i>	Miss E. Bailey, Iroquois.
<i>Supt. Systematic Giving</i>	" J. Percival, Merrickville.
<i>Auditor</i>	Maj r King, Kingston.

District Organizers:

<i>Montreal</i>	Mrs. W. E. Ross.
<i>Brockville</i>	" (Dr.) Griffith.
<i>Kingston</i>	" McRossie.
<i>Matilda</i>	" Bigelow.
<i>Perth</i>	" Hughes.
<i>Pembroke</i>	" Dunlop.
<i>Ottawa</i>	" Perkins and Mrs. Scott.
<i>Huntingdon</i>	" McNaughton and Mrs. Dalgleish.
<i>Quebec</i>	" T. G. Williams.
<i>Stanstead</i>	" Deacon.
<i>Waterloo</i>	" Bland and Mrs. Lawrence.

Delegates to Board.—Mesdames Sparks, Bigelow and Hughes.

Alternates.—Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw, Mrs. (Rev.) W. L. Scott.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life-members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Athens	55	1	25	2	\$121 80
Aultsville	19	..	12	..	31 65
Almonte	18	..	36	..	30 92
Addison	11	..	..	..	44 00
Ashton	7	..	..	..	11 87
Avonmore .....	..	..	..	..	..
Brockville—Wall St	66	..	..	6	79 50
—George St	23	..	..	2	31 21
*Beachburg .....	..	..	..	..	..
Cornwall	39	..	44	4	92 50
Cowansville	11	..	..	..	7 75
Coaticook	15	..	..	..	63 00
Cobden	18	..	6	..	49 64
Calumet	10	..	..	..	13 85
Carp	7	..	..	..	7 00
Clayton (Boyd's)	12	..	..	..	29 32
Chesterville	38	..	..	..	43 75
Delta	15	..	10	..	32 78
Drummond's .....	..	..	..	..	..
Danville	16	..	..	..	16 02
Easton's Corners	14	..	..	..	13 00
Elma	17	..	..	..	27 00
Elgin	23	..	40	..	30 47
Frankville	17	..	..	..	31 75
Franklin Centre	14	..	..	..	20 25
Forfar	9	..	..	..	9 30
Gananoque	32	..	..	2	42 78
Greenwood	9	..	..	..	36 50
Granby	26	..	..	..	107 32
Grenville .....	..	..	..	..	..
Gaspe Basin	11	..	..	..	22 28
Huntingdon	50	1	..	3	102 93
Harlem and Chantry	26	..	33	1	79 32
Haldimand	12	..	..	..	12 05
*Hemmingford	8	..	..	..	8 00
Iroquois	45	..	40	2	59 51
Inkerman	19	1	40	1	85 84
Kingston—Sydenham St	41	1	29	21	198 34
—Queen St	45	1	..	6	96 52
Kemptville	16	..	..	..	18 05

* New Auxiliary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1896-97—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life-members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life- members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Knowlton	8	..	..	..	\$10 99
Kars	9	..	..	..	12 92
Lunenburg	20	..	..	1	47 55
Lansdowne	13	..	..	..	13 61
Lennoxville	13	..	..	..	14 75
Lachute	12	..	..	3	32 79
Locksley	17	..	..	..	20 45
Lakefield	12	..	..	..	20 42
Lake Dore	12	..	..	..	22 37
Lacolle	7	..	..	..	13 90
Montreal—St. James	61	..	25	6	301 15
—Dominion Square	53	..	..	3	171 05
—Douglas	75	..	..	5	241 58
—Mountain Street	25	..	34	..	150 77
—East End	23	..	..	2	61 09
—Centenary	21	..	..	..	66 62
—St. Henri	9	..	..	..	17 83
—St. Lambert	11	..	..	..	34 38
Merrickville	41	..	27	..	67 84
Morrisburg	21	..	..	4	57 03
Mallorytown	28	..	..	..	28 00
Mosgrove	23	..	..	..	32 53
Moulinette	19	..	..	..	33 50
Matilda	16	..	..	..	37 00
Manotick .....	..	..	..	..	..
McLeanville	6	..	..	..	15 00
Magog	13	..	..	..	13 00
Marbleton	3	..	..	..	11 00
Minton	11	..	..	..	12 00
North Gower	38	..	..	1	68 06
Newington	10	..	10	..	25 65
Northfield	4	..	17	..	13 00
Ottawa—Dominion Church	61	2	..	7	203 36
East	14	..	..	2	26 27
West	44	..	..	..	80 40
Ormsdown	18	..	..	..	26 71
Pembroke	51	..	36	1	234 83
Prescott	16	1	22 92
Perth	23	35 54
Portland	16	..	30	..	47 85
Playfair	15	25 68

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
BRANCH, 1896-97—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Life-members present year.	Members in Mission Bands.	Number of Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Point Fortune	4	..	..	..	\$4 00
Quebec (Mission Band) .....	..	..	..	..	50 00
*Riviere du Loup .....	..	..	..	..	.....
Richmond	13	..	..	..	15 00
Renfrew	32	..	..	..	32 25
Robertson	13	..	..	..	51 00
Rennie's	9	..	..	..	19 15
Sherbrooke	26	..	..	..	69 35
Spencerville	45	..	..	1	89 56
Sawyerville	3	..	..	..	3 45
South Mountain	4	..	..	..	4 00
Smith's Falls	42	..	20	2	80 63
Spring Valley(Elizabethtown)	7	..	..	..	7 50
Stanstead	22	..	..	..	34 35
Ulverton	12	..	..	..	19 82
Vankleek Hill.....	25	..	..	..	56 91
Winchester	64	..	76	3	148 24
Waterloo	35	..	20	..	54 38
Warden	8	..	3	..	7 25
Total	2060	7	..	99	\$4826 00

* Disbanded.

AUXILIARIES ORGANIZED IN THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.—Montreal, St. James; Montreal, Douglas; Montreal, Dominion Square; Montreal, Mountain Street; Montreal, Centenary; Montreal, East End; St. Lambert, St. Henri, Lachute, Calumet, Lakefield, Grenville.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.—Kingston, Sydenham Street; Kingston, Queen Street; Gananoque, Portland.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.—Ottawa, Dominion Church; Ottawa East, Ottawa West, Mosgrove, Vankleek Hill, Kars, North Gower, Carp.

BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.—Brockville, Wall Street; Brockville, George Street; Prescott, Mallorytown, Lansdowne, Athens, Aldison, Spencerville, Kemptville, Frankville, Delta, Drummond's, McLeanville.

MATILDA DISTRICT.—Iroquois, Morrisburg, Matilda, Winchester, Chester-ville, Robertson, Cornwall, Newington, Elma, Lunenburg, Aultsville, Moulin-ette, Northfield.

PERTH DISTRICT.—Perth, Smith's Falls, Merrickville, Easton's Corners, Boyd's, Playfair, Harlem and Chantry, Forfar, Almonte.

PEMBROKE DISTRICT.—Pembroke, Greenwood, Beachburg, Renfrew, Cobden, Locksley, Lake Dore.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.—Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Sawyerville, Marbleton, Minton, Gaspé Basin, Haldimand, Ulverton, Richmond, Danville.

STANSTEAD DISTRICT.—Stanstead, Coaticook, Magog.

WATERLOO DISTRICT.—Waterloo, Warden, Cowansville, Granby, Knowlton.

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.—Huntingdon, Franklin Centre, Lacolle, Rennie's, Ormstown, Hemmingford.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Another year with its opportunities for work for the Master has gone, and as we review it, do we not feel that we might have made it one of greater helpfulness to others, and of increased blessings to ourselves? Upon each one personally rests the responsibility of making our Mission Band work a success. Do we realize this as we ought?

As we enter upon the new year with its added responsibilities and privi- leges, let us remember that work done for the sake of Christ is never lost.

“God's reward to him who serves God faithfully is the happiness of added service. The faculty of doing good in God's loving service, by an eternal law, is multiplied and magnified according to the use which is made of it.”

Thirty Mission Bands have reported, five of these having been organized during the year—Waterloo, Warden, Inkerman, Smith's Falls and Elgin.

Total number of Mission Bands.....	31
" " " Band members.....	616
Amount paid to Branch Treasurer	\$614.42

EFFIE S. BAILEY, *Cor. Sec.*

MONTREAL CONFERENCE MISSION BANDS.

- Aultsville*—Pres., Miss M. E. Wood ; Sec., Miss L. Nash.
Almonte—Pres., Miss Ross ; Sec., Miss M. Sheriffs.
Athens—(Pansy) Pres., ; Sec., Miss Etta Wiltse.
Athens—(Hagar) Pres. Mrs. Robinson.
Athens—(Annie Adams) Pres., Mrs. Towriss.
Cornwall—Pres., Miss L. Seeley ; Sec., Miss Sadie Bigelow.
Cobden—Pres., Mrs. Alto ; Sec., Miss Ella Delahey.
Chantry—Pres., Miss A. Chamberlain ; Sec., Miss B. Alford.
Delta—Pres., Mrs. G. P. Chamberlain ; Sec., Miss E. Phelps.
Elgin—Pres., ; Sec., Miss Lydia Cheney.
Huntingdon—Pres., ; Sec.,
Inkerman—Pres., ; Sec.,
Iroquois—Pres., Miss E. S. Bailey ; Sec., Miss Lillie Ault.
Kingston—Pres., Mrs. Crumley.
Montreal—(St. James) Pres., Mrs. W. E. Ross ; Sec., Miss M. Vibert.
Montreal—(Mountain Street) Pres., Mrs. Robson ; Sec., Miss L. Gamble.
Montreal—(Douglas) Pres., Mrs. A. M. Phillips ; Sec., Miss M. J. Jordan.
Merrickville—Pres., Miss Percival ; Sec., Miss E. Miskelly.
Mallorytown—Pres., ; Sec., Mrs. W. I. Mallory.
Northfield—Pres., Mrs. G. Markell ; Sec., Mrs. W. O. Wert.
Newington—Pres., Miss Eva Foster ; Sec., Miss L. Snetsinger.
Pembroke—Pres., Miss Perritt ; Sec., Miss L. White.
Portland—Pres., Mrs. E. J. Austin.
Quebec—Pres., ; Sec.,
Richmond—Pres., ; Sec.,
Smith's Falls—Pres., ; Sec., Miss E. Levell.
Vankleek Hill—Pres., ; Sec.,
Warden—Pres., ; Sec.,
Waterloo—Pres., Mrs. C. E. Bland ; Sec., Miss Alice Drew.
Winchester—Pres., Mrs. Palmer ; Sec., Miss F. Wallace.
Winchester—(Juvenile) Pres., Mrs. Challies ; Sec.,

MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

- Montreal, St. James Mission Circle.*—(1893) Mrs. W. E. Ross, Miss G. Nichol—2.
Montreal, Douglas Mission Circle.—Mrs. Regan—1.
Iroquois, Onward.—(1893) Mrs. Hall, Miss E. S. Bailey ; (1894) Misses C. A. Rogers, M. S. Carman, M. E. Carman, J. Hornick ; (1895) Misses Cora Van Camp, Lillie Ault ; (1896) R. K. Weir—9.
Gananoque.—Miss Nellie Day—1.
Portland, Minnie McLean Band.—(1896) Mrs. Derbyshire—1.
Chantry, Pansy Band.—(1897) Miss Eva Empey—1.
Cornwall, Daybreak.—(1897) Mrs. Heulet, Horace Bigelow—2.
 (Total, 17.)

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, MONTREAL
CONFERENCE BRANCH.

BANDS.	NAME OF BAND.	Members, 1897.	Life-members.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Aultsville	Earnest Toilers	12	..	\$3 40
Almonte	Watchers	36	..	10 78
Athens	Pansy	25	..	5 00
"	Annie Adams .....	..	..	5 65
"	Hagar .....	..	..	2 65
Cornwall	Daybreak	44	2	25 00
Cobden	Starlight	6	..	12 00
Chantry	Pansy	32	1	40 00
Delta	Wayside Help rs.	11	..	15 00
*Elgin	Buds of Promise	40	..	3 54
Huntingdon .....	.....	..	..	..
Iroquois	Onward	31	9	7 00
*Inkerman .....	.....	40	..	11 64
Kingston .....	.....	29	..	40 60
Montreal	St. James Mission Circle ..	23	2	126 00
"	Mountain Street	34	..	90 77
"	Douglas .....	..	..	6 03
"	Dominion Square .....	..	..	9 75
Merrickville .....	.....	27	..	19 32
Mallorytown .....	.....	..	..	..
Northfield	Happy Gleaners	17	..	5 71
Newington .....	.....	10	..	15 65
Pembroke	Sunshine Senders	36	..	34 60
Portland	Minnie McLean	29	1	18 35
Quebec .....	.....	..	..	50 00
Richmond .....	.....	..	..	5 00.
*Smith's Falls	Mission Circle	20	..	.....
Vankleek Hill	Little Reapers .....	..	..	.....
Winchester	Mizpah	61	..	37 00
"	Rosevier	15	..	12 85
*Waterloo .....	.....	20	..	3 75
*Warden .....	.....	3	..	0 91

Total membership, 616; Total amount sent to Branch Treasurer, \$614.42.

*New Band.

MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-members.*

MONTREAL BRANCH.

ALMONTE.

Pres., Mrs. L. W. Shipman; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Geo. Bray; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. McKechnie; Rec. Sec., Miss Ross; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. Howe; Treas., Miss A. Belton. Mesdames Anderson, Murray, J. H. Hamilton, Thompson, McWade; Misses Hamlin, Blake, Potter, Brown, Froad. Honorary members—Messrs. M. Howe, Anderson.

ASHTON.

Pres., Mrs. J. Howard Conn; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. A. E. Morton; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. W. Cherry; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss J. M. Potter; Treas., Miss L. A. Morton. Mesdames L. Morton, Scott, McOun; Misses A. Argue, Ethel Morton, Maggie Simpson, Mina Simpson.

ATHENS.

Pres., Mrs. S. C. Alguire; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Scanlou; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Stevens; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Ackland; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. R. Brown; Treas., Mrs. S. A. Taplin. Mesdames G. W. Beach, C. C. Slack, Duggan, J. P. Lamb, A. Judson, C. Brown, C. L. Lamb, McLaughlin, Robeson, J. Patterson, Wiltse, Culbert, Howe, Bullis, Phillips, Blanchard, Barber, Nash, Slack, Kendrick, Vanarnam, Brown, Giles, Kappell, James, Stone, Moore, Brown, Wiltse, Boyce, Niblock, Toweriss, Bullis, Knowlton, Wiltse, Kendrick, F. Earl, Smith, McLaughlin, W. Smith, Patterson, Redmond, Sheffield; Miss Barber.

AULTSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. F. Vanallen; V.-Pres., Mrs. Lapoint; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Geo. Markell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. F. Nash; Treas., Mrs. J. S. Baker. Mesdames (Rev.) J. B. Hicks, W. H. Beach, N. Morgan, W. Morgan, T. Coppin, S. Dafeo, S. Gove, John Cook, Minard Cook, J. S. Hickey, Wm. Loucks, Chas. Bush; Misses Bredin, Gillespie.

BOYD'S.

Pres., Mrs. Thos. Jackson; V.-Pres., Mrs. Jacob Halpenny; Rec. Sec., Miss Edith Boyd; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. McCreary; Treas., Mrs. W. Willows.

BROCKVILLE, GEORGE STREET.

*Pres., *Mrs. W. S. Donaldson; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. H. Cole; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Shepherd; Rec. Sec., Mrs. C. Gay; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. P. Graham; Treas., Mrs. A. D. McDougall. Mesdames *Henderson, W. Wiltzie, McElbenny, Sherman, Judson, Pennock, Newell, Tackaberry, Cook, Bell, Marshall, Meed, Sheridan, Pomeroy, Earle; Misses E. Sweet, T. Sweet, B. Henderson, Goodbody.

BROCKVILLE, WALL STREET.

Pres., *Mrs. (Dr.) Griffith; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. I. Mallory; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Graham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ducoin; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Brace; Asst. Cor. Sec., Mrs. McLelland; Treas., Miss Bell. Mesdames E. Clint, *T. Bresee, J. J. Wier, J. Wood, D. V. Beacock, I. J. Mansell, H. Freeland, W. Wood, E. J. Arthur, D. B. Jones, J. Wright, Wm. Coates, H. T. Murray, *M. White, H. T. Harris, A. Crummy, R. Brown, J. Soper, H. G. Smith, A. Howard, R. Dowsley, L. A. Betts, J. Clarke, R. T. Kennev, J. Bissell, R. G. Morris, *Patrick, A. Robinson, A. S. Walt, U. Marshall, R. Boyd, J. Watson, G. McKay, G. I. Mallory, Geo. Barr, W. Sheridan, H. Bissell, Kilborn, J. Bolton, W. Ostler, W. H. Storey, S. B. Farrar, E. Abbott, S. Powell, A. A. Davis, B. Field, Wm. Shearer, Hitchcock, W. B. Hunt, G. T. Lewis, R. Parker, A. A. Fisher, C. W. Taylor, M. Keeler, C. J. Sherriff; Misses *L. Shipman, O. Shipman, Lizzie Steele, A. Sherwood, Lillian Coates, Edith White, A. Griffith, E. Storey, L. Shipman, J. Clint.

CALUMET.

Pres., Miss J. Lanigan; Rec. Sec., Cor. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. C. D. Lanigan. Mesdames H. Walker, R. McIntyre, F. Weegar, Duffett, Scott, Bennet, McNeely, Peirson.

CARP.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Tredrea; V.-Pres., Mrs. D. McCord; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Argue; Cor. Sec., E. K. Tredrea; Treas., Miss T. Howard.

CHESTERVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Thomas Forward.

COATICOOK.

Pres., Mrs. Thompson; V.-Pres., Mrs. Holmes; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Nunns; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Knapp; Treas., Mrs. T. T. Shurtleff. Mesdames Jackson, Wadleigh, Buckland, O. Shurtleff, Tomkins, Snyder, Sisco, Trenholme, Sutton, Tracey; Miss Jackson.

COBDEN.

Pres., Mrs. R. D. Boyle; V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Delahey; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Delahey; Treas., Miss Jessup. Mesdames Larmour, Miner, Otto, Jas. Ritchie, Wallace, Thos. Dean, Barton; Misses De Long, Stretton, Furgeson. Honorary members—Rev. Dr. Larmour, Messrs. Graham, Miner.

CORNWALL.

Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) T. C. Brown (\$10); 1st V.-Pres., *Mrs. Hulet; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Wilbur; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Abbott; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. B. Bigelow; Treas., Mrs. D. R. Brown. Mesdames Kennedy, Skeith, Feek, E. H. Brown, Stafford, Ashton, Wilbur, Wise, Hendry, Cooper, Greenwood, Britton, Logan, Mann, Norris, Relyea, Ridyard, Butler, Barnhart, Wilson, Armstrong; Misses G. Skeith, Cline, Sherriff, Stafford, Earle, V. McGill, Young, Spooner. Honorary members—Rev. T. C. Brown, Messrs. G. Bigelow, M. Pitts.

COWANSVILLE.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) W. Henderson; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. P. F. Ferguson; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Lucy Cowie; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss Elith Jaques; Treas., Mrs. P. T. Ferguson. Mesdames B. A. Haskell, G. A. Teel, Job W. Taylor, E. E. Lawrence, J. E. Keough; Misses Effie Wilkinson, Jaques.

FORFAR.

Pres., Mrs. G. S. Clendinnen; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Bushfield; 2nd V.-Pres., Miss R. Dousett; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Poole; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gies Poole; Treas., Mrs. Geo. Preston. Mesdames Young, Knapp, J. Preston, Chipman; Misses Hales, Poole. Honorary member—Bro. G. S. Clendinnen.

FRANKLIN CENTRE.

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NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE BRANCH.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year has come and gone, and again we have to gather up the threads of the different aspects of our work in our part of the harvest field, gathering, as we may, sheaves large and small to present "for the Master's use" and glory. And we are led to think of the many reports that are unwritten, except in the book of the recording angel on high, of the faithfulness or otherwise of each life, and which will meet us again one day.

The year has not been what *we* call successful in many ways, but we are thankful for what has been accomplished, and would take courage and go forward "in the name of the Lord." In all our auxiliaries and bands the work of the year has gone on steadily though quietly, and we do not believe the interest is either flagging or decreasing, though in some places there is much to contend with, and all honor to the dear sisters who so bravely struggle on in the face of difficulties. Our receipts show a decrease, mainly through the Circles and Bands, and because of bequests last year.

Three very successful Conventions have been held in the Cumberland, Annapolis and Liverpool Districts; also a united meeting of the Auxiliaries of Halifax and Dartmouth. Our Supply Committee has again done good work, and been to many a veritable hand of mercy. The Easter Offerings continue to be a means of grace to many, and we are finding out by blessed experience the joy of "lending to the Lord."

Death has been in our midst, and has taken from us some who will be sorely missed. They are called to "higher service," and having crossed the flood, still belong to us who are "crossing now."

It is our great joy and honor to give two more missionaries to the foreign field this year—Dr. Killam and Miss Jost. God has truly honored us in accepting our best for His service. May we be willing, every one, to do or suffer in this coming year of work, if so be we may further the "coming of His kingdom."

Number of Auxiliaries	54
" Mission Circles and Bands	56
" Auxiliary members	1047
" Life-members	90
" Mission Band members	898
" Mission Band Life-members	42
Total Auxiliary members	1137
" Mission Band members	940
" amount raised	\$3619 63

Net increase: One Auxiliary, three Mission Bands.

S. JENNIE SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.		Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life- members.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Amherst	42	1	11	16	1	\$124 00	
Auburn	25	..	11	7	1	36 16	
Acadia Mines	11	..	12	7	..	21 50	
Annapolis	14	1	12	10	..	29 35	
Bridgetown	17	1	12	5	1	31 35	
Burlington	12	..	12	6	..	50 50	
Bridgewater	8	3	10	6	1	19 50	
Barrington	23	..	10	6	..	26 87	
Berwick	27	..	11	13	3	59 39	
Bermuda (Hamilton)	31	..	12	20	1	82 04	
Cape Negro	8	..	11	6	3	19 74	
Canning	14	..	10	7	1	45 21	
Canso	20	3	12	10	1	36 46	
Dartmouth	55	6	12	25	2	181 51	
Digby	16	..	7	7	..	38 00	
Grafton	14	..	10	6	..	17 09	
Granville Ferry	7	..	10	5	..	9 95	
Guysboro'	16	2	10	6	1	40 97	
Halifax North	38	8	12	14	..	305 58	
Halifax South	40	40	12	14	1	566 36	
Halifax West	23	3	12	12	1	193 52	
Horton	20	1	10	8	1	68 37	
Hantsport	13	1	9	8	..	28 55	
Hillsburg (Bear River)	17	1	10	8	1	33 73	
Kingston	15	..	12	7	1	33 29	
La Have Islands	6	..	12	4	..	24 61	
* Lawrencetown	11	..	8	5	1	53 00	
Liverpool	10	..	12	7	1	20 97	
Lunenburg	30	..	12	16	..	57 23	
Musquodoboit (Middle)	10	..	12	6	..	16 90	
Maitland (Selma)	5	..	5	5	..	7 11	
Middleton	27	1	9	10	1	133 70	
New Germany	11	1	9	7	..	16 00	
Newport	7	..	10	5	..	6 45	
Nappan	21	1	9	9	2	66 48	
North Sydney	11	..	..	..	..	10 55
Oxford	30	1	11	14	..	42 00	
Pugwash	22	1	10	7	1	37 52	
Port Greville	27	..	12	13	..	37 17	
Pictou	13	1	10	5	1	17 16	
Parrsboro'	24	1	12	9	1	39 00	

* Lawrencetown Mission Band sends its money for support of Kate Price in Crosby Girls' Home.

Port Hawke
Ritcey's Cove
Shelburne ..
Sydney ...
Springhill ..
Truro

Total

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life-members.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Number of Public Meetings.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Port Hawkesbury	11	..	11	6	..	\$14 54
Ritcey's Cove	22	..	11	11	..	57 22
Shelburne	9	1	10	5	1	36 93
Sydney	14	2	10	8	1	31 09
Springhill	23	..	10	..	..	33 28
Truro	45	2	11	14	1	121 22
Wallace	10	..	10	6	1	20 00
Wallace Bay	9	..	8	5	1	12 57
Windsor	26	2	11	11	1	81 36
Wolfville	15	..	10	6	..	14 10
Yarmouth (Providence)	28	2	11	9	..	173 97
" (Wesley)	34	3	12	20	2	152 50
Gabarus	10	..	..	..	..	22 00
Avondale Mission Band, "King's Own" ..	..	..	..	..	..	25 00
New Germany " "Try Again" ..	..	..	..	..	..	16 81
Port Latour " "Bonair" ..	..	..	..	..	..	15 00
Port Maitland " "Rays of Sunlight" ..	..	..	..	..	..	6 00
Round Bay " "Shining Light" ..	..	..	..	..	..	13 00
Donation Liverpool District Convention ..	..	..	..	..	..	2 80
Sale of Literature .....	..	..	..	..	..	2 45
Collection public meeting, Lunenburg .....	..	..	..	..	..	7 75
Total	1047	90	550	462	37	\$3544 43

ANNUAL MEETING NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch assembled in the beautiful church at Lunenburg on September 21st, and two following days, Mrs. Whiston, presiding.

On account of the distance of the place of meeting from the majority of our Auxiliaries, and other minor reasons, the attendance was smaller than usual, only forty delegates responding to the roll-call.

The meeting was characterized all through by exceeding harmony and was very helpful and practical.

God's presence was in our midst, especially in the Memorial and Consecration services, which were seasons of refreshing, and also during a most helpful Bible reading by Miss Musgrave.

Although a decrease in funds was reported we are not discouraged, but only stimulated to gird on the armor afresh, and endeavor to do better in the coming year, remembering, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord," and determined to stand loyally by our Church and Society in their efforts to overcome the power of darkness.

Several helpful papers were read and a practical illustration of "How to Conduct an Auxiliary Meeting," given by Mrs. Hills, President of the Lunenburg Auxiliary.

We sadly missed some who were wont to meet with us, but who, during the past year had been called to higher service. But they "being dead, yet speaketh."

The public meetings were interesting, and we were favored by two addresses from Mrs. (Rev. J.) Wier, late of Japan, who greatly pleased and instructed her audiences. With the proverbial kindness and attention of the Lunenburg friends fully exemplified and enjoyed, both in their public reception and tea, and in their comfortable homes and hearty welcome, also loving greetings from sister societies, our meeting closed, one and all feeling that our meeting together had given us fresh inspiration, and "the best of all is, God is with us."

The following officers were elected :

- President* Mrs. S. E. Whiston, 297 Brunswick Street, Halifax.
- 1st Vice-President* Mrs. Hart, 103 Queen Street, Halifax.
- 2nd Vice-President* Mrs. D. Dunn, Truro.
- 3rd Vice-President* Mrs. (Rev. J. M.) Fisher, Hantsport.
- Corresponding Secretary* Mrs. J. Wesley Smith, "Fernbank," Halifax.
- Recording Secretary* Miss Wiswall, South Farmington, Annapolis County.
- Mission Band Secretary* Miss Marcia Braine, 124 Tower Road, Halifax.
- Auditor* J. Wesley Smith, Halifax.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

- Annapolis District* Mrs. (Rev. J. H.) Strothard, Bridgetown.
- Cape Breton* " Mrs. (Rev. C.) Jost, Sydney.
- Cumberland* " Miss Alice Tuttle, Wallace.
- Halifax* " Mrs. (Rev. Wm.) Ainley, Halifax.
- Liverpool* " Mrs. (Rev. O.) Gronlund, Ritcey's Cove.
- Truro* " Mrs. D. Gunn, Truro.
- Windsor* " Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.
- Yarmouth* " Mrs. Crosby, Yarmouth.

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DELEGATES TO BOARD MEETING.

Mrs. Strothard Bridgetown.
Mrs. Hibbert Berwick.

ALTERNATES.

Miss Braine Halifax.
Miss Lathern Dartmouth.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

1896-97 ;
From Auxiliaries and Mission Bands \$3,534 23
Sale of literature 2 45
Collection at Branch public meeting 7 75
----- \$3,544 43

EXPENDITURE.

1896-97 :
President's expenses \$3 00
Corresponding Secretary's expenses 7 73
Mission Band Secretary's expenses 9 57
Treasurer's post cards, postage, etc 2 10
Printing and sundries 1 06
Travelling expenses of officers, etc 28 27
Cost of bank drafts to Treasurer 4 40
----- \$56 13
Remittances to General Treasurer—1st quarter \$493 03
" " " 2nd " 520 27
" " " 3rd " 855 28
" " " 4th " 1,619 72
----- 3,488 30
----- \$3,544 43
Total \$3,544 43
Audited and found correct.

J. WESLEY SMITH, *Auditor.*

MARY S. RAY, *Treasurer.*

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Annual members' fees \$1,047 00
Life-members' fees 175 00
Mission Bands 1,013 76
Public meetings and entertainments 273 50
Mite-boxes 222 18
Donations 464 38
Easter-offering 304 33
Scattered helpers 10 47
Bequest 10 00
Other sources 99 01
----- \$3,619 63
Auxiliary expenses 75 20
----- \$3,544 43

LIFE-MEMBERS OF NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

Amherst	Mrs. A. Davison.	Halifax South	Miss Katie Braine.
Annapolis	Mrs. E. B. Moore.	" "	Miss Beta Braine.
Bridgetown	Mrs. J. H. Strothard.	" "	Miss Winnie Braine.
Bridgewater	Mrs. F. Buckley.	" "	Miss Crane.
"	Mrs. Archibald.	" "	Miss C. L. Crane.
"	Mrs. Brownrigg.	" "	Miss E. Crane.
Canso	Mrs. Hart.	" "	Miss G. A. Paisley.
"	Mrs. Whitman.	" "	Miss L. H. Paisley.
"	Mrs. D. W. Johnson.	" "	Miss Katie Large.
Dartmouth	Miss Laidlaw.	" "	Miss L. Hart (Japan).
"	Mrs. Troop.	" "	Miss J. Cunningham
"	Mrs. Black.	" "	(Japan).
"	Mrs. F. Woodbury.	" "	Miss L. Woodill.
"	Miss F. Black.	" "	Mrs. J. Wier.
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Guysboro'	Mrs. J. H. Buckley.	" "	Knight).
"	Mrs. G. E. Buckley.	" "	Mrs. Richardson (Miss
Hillsburg	Mrs. Vroom.	" "	Silver).
Halifax North	Mrs. Huestis.	" "	Mrs. Spencer (Sadie
"	Mrs. Whiston.	" "	Hart).
"	Mrs. Schwartz.	" "	Mr. E. T. Braine.
"	Mrs. Hawkins.	" "	Miss Annie Braine.
"	Mrs. J. Starr.	" "	Mrs. A. H. Buckley.
"	Mrs. Ross.	Halifax West	Mrs. Ainley.
"	Miss Ray.	"	Mrs. A. Hart.
"	Miss Black.	"	Mrs. J. Wesley Smith.
Halifax South	Mrs. J. Hart.	Horton	Mrs. F. G. Curry.
"	Mrs. T. W. Smith.	Hantsport	Mrs. Fisher.
"	Mrs. Barss.	Middleton	Mrs. W. Brown.
"	Mrs. Adams.	New Germany	Mrs. Tuttle.
"	Mrs. Jost.	Nappan	Mrs. Evans.
"	Mrs. Cunningham.	Oxford	Mrs. Dawson.
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"	Mrs. Anderson.	Sydney	Mrs. C. Jost.
"	Mrs. F. Parker.	"	Miss Brookman.
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"	Mr. H. F. Paisley.	Windsor	Mrs. Sargent.
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"	Mrs. G. Hart.	" "	Mrs. S. A. Crowell.
"	Mrs. H. Woodbury.	" "	Mrs. G. Cook, sen.
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"	Miss Braine.	" "	Miss M. Lovitt.

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Amherst	Mrs. Ayre	Mrs. Black	Mrs. J. Shipley.
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Annapolis	" Moore	" E. M. Potter	" B. Hardwick.
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Burlington	" J. E. Angwin	Mrs. Sanford	Mrs. A. Harvie.
Bridgewater	" F. Buckley	" Jodray	" Bent.
Barrington	" C. H. Huestis	Miss Mary Fox	Miss Mabel Pinkham.
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Cape Negro	" J. Swain	Mrs. Sholds	Mrs. Matheson.
Canning	" Lockwood	" A. Higgins	" Sheffield.
Canso	" Dunham	" Chittick	" J. McKenzie.
Dartmouth	" W. Tuttle	" Bentley	Miss Laidlaw.
Digby	" Phillips	" England	Mrs. J. Letteney.
Grafton	" W. Bowles	" Gay Best	" D. Fraser.
Granville Ferry	" Giles	" Messinger	" S. Grover.
Guysboro'	" DesBarres	" G. Buckley	" G. E. Jost.
Halifax North	" G. J. Bond	" Magenay	Miss E. Hills.
Halifax South	" J. Hart	" E. A. Smith	Mrs. Barss.
Halifax West	" J. Wesley Smith	" A. M. Bell	Miss Hills.
Horton	" J. B. Bowser	" W. Woodman	" Jessie Currie
Hantsport	" Fisher	" Toye	" J. A. Taylor.
Hillsburg (Bear River)	" Dunn	" J. Craig	Mrs. H. J. Wright.
Kingston	" L. L. High	Miss S. Tupper	Miss L. J. Armstrong.
La Have Islands	" T. Greene	" L. Coffin .....	.....
Lawrencetown	" J. W. Whitman	Mrs. W. Prince	Mrs. J. Morgan.
Liverpool	" J. E. Donkin	" J. C. Ogden	Miss Ida Smith.
Lunenburg	" Hills	" S. A. Chesley	Mrs. W. Zwicker.

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Musquodoboit (Middle)	Mrs. Whitman	Mrs. W. Layton	Mrs. J. Annand.
Middleton	" W. Brown	" North	" Sponagle.
∞ New Germany	" Tuttle	" Palmer	" J. Chesley
	" I. Stirling	" L. Daniel	Miss H. Johnson.

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Springhill.....	" J. Gee	Mrs. Phelan	" Cooper.
Truro.....	" Rogers	" D. Gunn	" Beck.
Wallace.....	" Astbury	Miss Charman	" Battye.
Wallace Bay.....	" M. Tuttle	" Alice Tuttle	" R. Brown.
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 " Joseph Hart, " " " " "
 Miss Katie Braine, " " " " "
 " Mina Buckley, " " " " "
 " Bessie Bell, " " " " "
 " Minnie Bell, " " " " "
 " Muriel Black, " " " " "
 " Ella Calkin, " " " " "
 Mrs. Clark, " " " " "
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 " Annie Mitchell, " " " " "
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 Miss Annie Starr, " " " " "
 " Bertha Starr, " " " " "
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 Miss Emily Alcorn, " " " " "
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 " Noble Philips, " " " " "
 Miss Laura Chipman, " " " " "
 " Winnie Hawkesworth, " " " " "
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 Miss Ella Beckwith, "Royal Workers" Band, Berwick.
 " Emma Tuttle, " " " " "
 Mr. Martin Tuttle, " " " " "
 Miss Maud Killam, "Happy Thought" Band, Wesley Church, Yarmouth.
 " Mary Crowell, " " " " "
 Master Bowman Crowell, " " " " "
 Master Samuel Crowell, " " " " "
 Miss Alice Smith, "Cheerful Workers" Band, Port Greville.
 " Mabel Newcombe, "Maggie Smith" Band, La Have Islands.
 " Helena McKim, " " " " "
 Mrs. A. C. Quinlan, "Silver Stream" Band, Shelburne.
 Miss Ethel Buckley, Bridgewater.
 " Minnie Buckley, " " " " "
 Mrs. Langele, "First Methodist" Band, Truro.
 " Campbell, " " " " "
 Miss Lena Harts, " " " " "
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REPORT OF MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS, NOVA SCOTIA
BRANCH.

Very much to our regret the word decrease has to be chronicled in connection with our Circle and Band work this year. But while this is sad, we do not feel discouraged because of this fact, for, when we take into consideration the stringency in money matters in all quarters, it is not surprising that there should be a deficit in this line as well. But if each one of our members were thoroughly grounded in the Pauline doctrine of "Let each one lay by in store as God has prospered him," if each followed out the "proportionate payments" system, there would not be such a series of neap-tides in our funds.

The interest in our work is, however, not waning, but rather on the increase, and while in some instances Bands have ceased to be and in others been absorbed in Epworth League work, yet the tendency now seems to be among our youthful workers, "God helping us, we will go up and possess the land, for we are able."

Nova Scotia still gives in proportion to our membership the largest support to our paper, the *Palm Branch*, taking out of a subscription of 3,000, 521 copies.

Our annual statement shows 56 Bands.

We have to report four new ones, viz., "Alcorn" Band, Bridgetown; Rays of Sunlight Band, Port Maitland, Brunswick St. Band, Truro, and Jubilee Band, Springhill. Net increase over last year, 3. Number of members, 898. Amount raised, \$1,046.49.

The public meeting, held in the interest of Mission Circles and Bands in connection with the fourteenth annual session of our Nova Scotia Branch, was held on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, in the Methodist Church, Lunenburg.

It was presided over by Mrs. (Rev.) Gronlund, and though there is neither Circle nor Band in this town the programme was interesting and well carried out.

The music was an especially fine feature and the choir of this beautiful town by the sea certainly are deserving of great praise. Assistance was rendered by the Epworth League. A paper prepared by Mrs. Green, of La Have Islands, was one of much interest.

We trust that the outcome of this meeting will be a flourishing Mission Band in Lunenburg.

M. EDITH BROWN, *Cor. Sec.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH, 1896-97.

BANDS.	LOCATION.	Number of Members.	Number of Life-members.	Amount received from Members' Fees.	Average Attendance.	Amount raised during the year.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer.
Oak and Ivy	Auburn	20	..	\$5 00	11	\$25 21	\$25 21
Ray of Light	Amherst	8	..	2 00	6	10 00	10 00
Wayside Gleaners	Annapolis	20	..	5 00	5	25 00	25 00
The King's Own	Avondale	..	..	..	..	..	..
Little Helpers	Barrington	21	3	4 50	14	10 40	10 40
Royal Workers	Berwick	8	..	2 00	8	2 00	2 00
Rope Holders	Bear River	..	..	..	..	20 00	20 00
Lone Star	Bermuda	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wesley Centennial	Cheverie	7	..	1 75	7	3 58	3 58
Cunningham	Canso	..	..	..	..	..	..
Light Bearers	Canning	27	..	6 75	20	8 42	8 42
Joyous Workers	Cape Negro	10	..	2 50	10	3 62	3 62
Burpee	Crouse Town	11	..	2 75	11	7 30	7 30
Alcorn	Bridgetown	19	..	4 75	..	22 00	22 00
Sunshine	Digby	41	..	10 25	37	44 75	44 75
Buds of Promise	Dartmouth	27	..	6 75	10	31 13	28 13
Golden Rule	"	..	..	..	..	0 50	0 50
Cheerful Givers	Guysboro'	..	1	..	..	12 40	12 40
Stepping Forward	Gabarus	43	17	10 75	12	150 13	150 13
Reapers Circle	Halifax North	39	..	..	..	27 50	27 50
Gleaners Band	"	40	6	8 50	11	138 57	137 32
Coraline Circle	" South	10	..	2 50	8	16 80	16 80
Kay Street	" West	13	1	3 25	10	14 42	17 16
Oxford Street	"	43	..	10 75	..	50 03	50 03
Charles Street Circle	"	..	..	..	..	..	..

Willing Helpers	Hantsport	16	..	4 00	8	19 00	19 00
Stars of Knight	Kingston	12	..	3 00	6	4 26	4 26
Hopeful	Lawrencetown	16	..	4 00	..	6 09	6 09
Ich Dien	Lower Port la Tour	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harbor Bell	Little Harbor	14	..	3 50	9	6 00	6 00

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We can truthfully report much faithful and painstaking work but our slight decrease in funds is a matter of deep regret to us. Feeling sure that we have a battle that must be pushed to the gates we know we should not go back for one hour.

Miss Robertson's services to the Branch were greatly appreciated. She strengthened and brightened many lonely workers and won hearts for herself.

We with heartfelt sorrow record the first break in the front rank of our Branch in the going from earth of the sweet presence of our Mrs. Farrar Stewart.

One new Auxiliary was formed at Newtown. New bands were organized at Bathurst, Bloomfield, Newtown, Sackville, Shediac, Williamstown, West Cape. Circles were formed at Fredericton and The Ledge. The Bands in Moncton Central and Wesley Memorial have reorganized.

The workers among the young are using great vigilance in trying to hold the young women and children for our work. All praise and honor to them.

		Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Auxiliaries.....	77	..	2
" Mission Circles and Bands.....	56	6	..
" Annual members.....	1551	26	..
" Life-members.....	86	8	..
" Band annual members.....	1222	103	..
" Life-members.....	57	8	..
Amount raised by Auxiliaries.....	\$3,737 83	..	\$0 72
" " Circles and Bands.....	1,182 30	..	71 88
" sent to General Treasurer.....	4,920 16	..	72 60

For H. S. STEWART, Cor. Sec.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.
BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Public Meetings.
Charlottetown District—					
Charlottetown—Prince Street	58	13	14	12	2
—Upper Prince Street	27	1	..	11	3
Cornwall	32	..	11	12	1
Cherry Valley	23	..	..	..	..
Highfield	10	..	..	..	..
Montague	10	..	6	11	2
Lower Montague .....	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Herbert	9	..	5	9	..
North Wiltshire	12	..	8	7	2
Pownal	20	2	9	11	..
Union	18	4	5	10	1
Vernon River	7	1	5	8	..
" " North	7	..	4	4	1
Winslow	12	..	6	10	2
York	26	1	7	12	2
Murray Harbor	30	..	9	12	1
Fredericton District—					
Caverhill	12	..	5	8	2
Fredericton	55	2	22	12	3
Gagetown	8	..	4	8	1
Keswick	6	..	4	6	1
Sheffield	16	2	7	12	..
Tay	14	..	6	10	1
Miramichi District—					
Bathurst	17	1	6	10	1
Campbellton	21	..	7	10	..
Chatham	14	..	5	12	1
Harcourt	14	..	4	11	..
Richibucto	18	..	5	12	1
Salmon Beach	7	..	4	9	1
St. Stephen District—					
St. Stephen	63	5	14	12	12
Moncton District—					
Hopewell Hill	16	..	8	12	1
Moncton—Central	49	1	16	12	2
" —Wesley Memorial	20	..	8	10	5

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH, 1896-97—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.		Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life-Members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Public Meetings.
Moncton District—Continued.						
Pleasant Vale	8	..	3	10	1	
Petitcodiac	6	..	5	6	..	
Shediac	9	..	5	8	1	
Sackville District—						
Baie Verte	22	1	12	12	2	
Bayfield	16	..	8	12	2	
Bristol	12	..	7	12	1	
Jolicure	12	..	8	12	2	
Point de Bute	18	..	8	12	2	
Port Elgin	10	..	5	7	1	
Sackville	45	9	21	12	1	
" Upper	18	..	7	11	..	
St. John District—						
Berwick	16	..	..	..	..
Carsonville	7	..	6	12	..	
Hampton	17	..	6	11	1	
St. John—Carleton	38	1	6	11	2	
—Centenary	68	11	23	10	2	
—Exmouth Street	37	1	12	12	2	
—Portland	52	..	13	12	7	
—Queen Square	37	3	13	8	1	
Passekeag	11	..	..	..	..
Newtown	7	..	5	7	..	
Upper Millstream	6	..	..	..	..
Sussex	24	..	6	10	1	
Woodstock District—						
Benton	13	..	6	11	3	
Bloomfield	18	..	8	10	..	
Centreville	18	..	7	12	1	
Jacksonville	12	..	6	10	1	
Ferryville	9	..	3	8	..	
Kilburn	14	..	7	12	2	
Richmond	20	1	15	12	3	
Upper Kent	
Waterville	6	..	5	12	..	
Williamstown	7	
Woodstock	29	4	12	12	2	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.
BRANCH, 1896-97—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Number of Annual Members.	Number of Life- members.	Average Attendance.	Number of Monthly Meetings.	Number of Pubic Meetings.
Summerside District—					
Alberton	20	..	7	12	1
Bedeque	39	9	11	12	1
Cape Traverse	13	2	4	12	..
Fifteen Point	9	..	6	11	..
Kensington	13	1	6	11	2
Margate	13	..	7	12	1
Montrose	5	..	3	3	..
Tryon	24	5	9	10	..
Victoria	26	3	11	10	3
West Cape	18	..	10	11	..
Searletown	26	1	9	10	1
Summerside	43	1	14	12	3
Total	1551	86	..	735	101

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting was held in the flourishing town of Sackville, September 28th, 29th and 30th. Sixty-one delegates from distant parts of the two provinces were present. Two of our officers were absent—Miss Stewart, in Scotland, and Mrs. Johnson, of Charlottetown. Miss Palmer, the President, volunteered to act for the absent corresponding secretary, who was so greatly missed, placing Mrs. Chipman at times in the chair. We were much pleased to have with us Miss Veazey, of St. Stephen, returned missionary from Japan, who gave us two interesting addresses on her life and experience in that land. One venture of our convention was a decided improvement, that of giving condensed Auxiliary reports in classified districts through their organizer, thus economizing time. The public meeting was well attended. Among the speakers was Mrs. Archibald, Preceptress of Mount Allison College, who gave an able and eloquent address. Papers on "District Work and Conventions," "Systematic Giving," "Helpful Characteristics for Good Band Membership," by Miss Emma Veazey, were read and discussed.

The President's address was a fine effort, being a review of the fields and extracts from the letters of the missionaries. A memorial and consecration meeting was led by Mrs. T. Hart and Mrs. R. Brecken. Touching references were made to the sainted dead. *Palm Branch* reported a circulation of 2,819 copies, our own Branch taking 1,106. The Coqualeetza Band, of Charlottetown, were awarded the banner, having obtained 119 new subscribers. An invitation from Fredericton for next meeting was received and accepted, Miss Hyde to represent us at Conference in Charlottetown. Board delegates are Mrs. Ralph Brecken and Miss S. Smith; alternates, Mrs. Macmichael, Mrs. Strong. On the whole the meeting was enthusiastic and evinced strong missionary spirit, Mission Bands receiving much attention.

The officers for 1897-98 are :

<i>President</i>	Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, N.B.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Miss H. Stewart, Sackville, N.B.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. R. Johnson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. T. Hart, Sackville, N.B.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. C. E. Macmichael, St. John, N.B.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Miss F. E. Palmer, 29 Queen Square, St. John, N. B.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. C. Strong, Summerside, P.E.I.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Mrs. F. C. Turner, Gibson, N.B.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mrs. S. Reid, Tyron, P.E.I.

District Organizers :

<i>St. Stephen</i>	Mrs. S. Rice, Milltown, N.B.
<i>Woodstock</i>	Mrs. George Sellar, Centreville, Carleton Co.
<i>St. John</i>	Mrs. S. Bustin, 158 St. James St., St. John.
<i>Fredericton</i>	Mrs. M. Akerley, Fredericton.
<i>Moncton</i>	Mrs. P. S. Euman, Moncton,
<i>Sackville</i>	Mrs. T. Hart, Sackville.
<i>Summerside</i>	Mrs. Lewis Trueman, Searletown, P.E.I.
<i>Charlottetown</i>	Mrs. Roberta Hyde, Cornwall, P.E.I.
<i>Miramichi</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) Lawson, Richibucto, N.B.

J. H. MACMICHAEL, *Rec. Sec.*

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MISSION BAND LIFE-MEMBERS.

ALBERTON, "Rill and River."—Edmund Dignan, Sarah M. Dignan, S. Alice Dignan, Dora Dignan, Edward Dignan, Bertie Bryan, Laura Bryan, Emma Gard, Susan Gard, Joshua McDonald—10.

BEDEQUE, "Perseverance."—Mrs. H. E. Vickerson, Mattie S. Vickerson, Louise Schurman, Lottie Wright, Mary Wright, Ettie Schurman, Priscilla Schurman—7.

CHARLOTTETOWN, "Wesley."—Annie Johnson, Mrs. P. A. McNutt, Mrs. G. M. Campbell—3.

CHARLOTTETOWN, "Earnest Workers."—May Kirby, Willie Kirby—2.

FREDERICTON, "X. L."—Gertrude Coulthard, Lou Fisher, Edith Davis—3.

MONCTON, "Do What We Can."—Mrs. Arthur Robinson—1.

OLD RIDGE, "Buds of Promise."—Eliza Milbury—1.

POWNA, "Lavinia Clarke."—Clara G. Turner—1.

SACKVILLE, "Ready Helpers."—Miss Hattie Stewart, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Smith, Alice Harrison, Lillian Hart, May Hart, Chrissie Fairley, Leila Fairly, Rose Bryant—9.

SACKVILLE, "Mount Allison."—Bessie Alcorn, May Jost—2.

ST. JOHN, "Hiraiwa Circle."—Mrs. Spence, Miss Bartlett, Miss S. E. Smith—3.

ST. JOHN, "King's Messengers."—Mr. Joseph Allison, Mrs. Joseph Allison—2.

ST. JOHN, "Excelsior."—Mrs. T. Bullock, Miss Bell Thompson, Louise D'Orsay, Minnie V. Robertson—4.

ST. JOHN, "Star."—Fannie Magee—1.

SEARLETON, "Anchor of Hope."—Mrs. Lewis Trueman, Mrs. George Wright, Nina Lowther—3.

SUMMERSIDE, "Happy Workers."—Mrs. Charles Strong—1.

EAST ROYALTY, "Royal Workers."—Mrs. James Essory—1.

VICTORIA, "Busy Bees."—Mrs. Norman Wright—1.

ST. STEPHEN, "Torch Bearers."—Connie Chipman—1.

Total number of Band life-members, 56.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH, 1896-97.

AUXILIARIES.	Members' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Mite-boxes.	Easter offerings.	Donations.	Scattered Helpers' Fund.	Bequests.	Other Sources.	Total Raised.	Total Sent.
Alberton, P.E.I.	\$20 00	..	\$28 55	..	..	\$5 50	..	..	..	\$1 81	\$55 86	\$55 78
Baie Verte, N.B.	22 00	..	15 50	\$16 37	\$1 23	11 42	\$3 00	..	..	2 70	72 22	58 76
Bathurst, N.B.	17 00	..	54 48	3 30	8 67	..	1 00	\$1 42	..	..	85 87	82 86
Bayfield, N.B.	16 00	..	..	2 16	4 88	..	..	0 25	..	0 37	27 46	27 46
Bedeque, P.E.I.	39 00	..	66 66	2 30	15 18	35 50	40 50	..	\$3 00	2 10	204 24	200 14
Benton, N.B.	13 00	..	15 70	9 67	3 82	..	8 03	0 95	..	..	51 17	39 94
Berwick, N.B.	12 00	..	..	1 30	0 80	3 35	..	0 75	..	..	18 20	18 07
Bloomfield, N.B.	18 25	..	2 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 75	20 75
Bristol, N.B.	12 00	..	..	2 50	11 10	3 80	..	..	..	..	29 40	28 80
Campbellton, N.B.	21 00	..	..	..	8 20	3 55	..	..	..	..	32 75	32 75
Cape Traverse, P.E.I.	13 00	..	..	..	8 00	4 75	1 00	..	..	..	26 75	26 75
Carsonville, N.B.	7 00	..	..	..	1 05	2 71	..	2 00	..	..	12 76	11 42
Caverhill, N.B.	12 00	..	..	9 06	3 85	..	1 20	0 50	..	0 81	27 42	19 75
Centreville, N.B.	17 80	..	3 75	4 10	5 65	5 70	..	..	..	..	37 00	37 00
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	58 00	\$25 00	54 21	5 54	20 60	26 90	2 00	..	..	..	192 25	191 65
" — Grace.	27 00	..	15 00	4 61	16 00	12 01	1 00	..	..	3 00	78 62	72 67
Cherry Valley, P.E.I.	23 00	..	0 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 25	23 25
Cornwall, P.E.I.	32 00	..	21 80	9 40	35 45	12 75	11 45	..	..	12 15	135 00	134 26
Chatham, N.B.	14 00	..	..	11 60	2 28	..	..	..	..	0 50	28 38	28 28
Fredericton, N.B.	55 00	..	26 95	21 05	31 55	25 15	6 00	..	..	..	165 70	165 70
Fifteen Point, P.E.I.	9 00	..	..	..	3 16	..	..	..	..	0 71	12 87	12 68
Gagetown, N.B.	8 50	..	0 60	5 20	2 15	..	..	..	..	..	16 45	15 20
Hopewell Hill, N.B.	15 50	..	6 22	..	5 60	3 60	..	..	..	..	30 92	29 92
Hampton, N.B.	17 00	..	27 45	3 51	4 09	2 85	..	..	..	..	54 90	54 51

Harcourt, N.B.	15 00	..	..	..	9 25	6 35	..	..	..	..	30 60	30 24
Highfield, P.E.I.	10 00	..	4 00	2 00	2 25	..	..	..	..	..	18 25	17 25
Jacksonville, N.B.	12 00	..	22 57	4 00	4 00	3 25	1 00	..	..	..	46 82	46 82
Jolicure, N.B.	12 00	..	..	2 00	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	26 00	26 00
				1 57	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 07	3 50

TREASURER'S REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH—Continued.

AUXILIARIES.	Members' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Mite-boxes.	Easter-offerings.	Donations.	Scattered Helpers' Fund.	Bequests.	Other Sources.	Total Raised.	Total Sent.
Shediac, N.B.	\$9 50	..	\$2 00	\$2 87	\$2 11	\$5 45	\$3 76	..	..	\$10 12	\$35 81	\$29 00
Sheffield, N.B.	16 00	\$25 00	..	..	..	9 60	10 00	..	..	2 99	63 59	60 89
Summerside, P.E.I.	43 00	..	6 40	4 01	22 88	14 10	1 00	\$60 50	..	..	91 89	91 21
Sussex, N.B.	23 00	..	8 26	2 27	16 43	2 30	..	..	..	0 20	52 46	51 74
Tay, N.B.	14 00	..	..	4 90	3 38	3 75	..	..	..	..	26 03	26 03
Tryon, P.E.I.	24 00	..	..	34 57	13 76	8 34	13 00	..	..	8 00	101 67	101 67
Union, P.E.I.	18 00	..	25 75	20 00	9 50	..	6 75	..	..	21 00	101 00	101 00
Upper Kent, N.B.	10 00	..	..	1 00	..	..	8 00	..	..	..	19 00	19 00
Upper Millstream, N.B.	6 30	..	..	2 88	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 18	9 18
Vernon River, P.E.I.	7 00	..	..	..	2 45	..	2 40	..	..	..	11 85	11 85
Vernon River North, P.E.I.	7 00	..	..	..	..	3 00	..	..	..	6 00	16 00	16 00
Victoria, P.E.I.	26 00	..	9 88	14 83	28 30	10 11	1 75	..	..	0 25	91 12	86 00
Waterville, N.B.	6 00	..	..	..	6 83	10 13	5 50	..	..	0 81	7 91	7 53
West Cape, P.E.I.	18 25	..	2 45	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 75	56 91	56 91
Williamstown, N.B.	6 50	..	2 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 00	9 00
Winsloe, P.E.I.	12 00	..	2 50	11 08	8 79	4 22	2 00	..	..	..	40 59	40 59
Woodstock, N.B.	28 25	..	33 75	13 32	..	..	39 50	..	..	..	114 82	113 20
York, P.E.I.	26 00	..	11 00	13 50	..	..	..	..	\$60 75	..	51 25	51 25
Newtown, N.B.	5 85	..	3 63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 48	9 48
Convention coll., Churchtown	..	..	..	13 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 00	13 00
" " Fredericton	..	..	..	5 56	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 56	5 56
F. W. H., in memory of a beloved daughter	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 00	..	..	..	25 00	25 00

Collections at Branch Meeting	..	..	..	34 92	..	..	..	..	..	25 56	34 92	34 92
Balance on hand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 56	25 56
MISSION BAND.	..	..	52 67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 67	52 67
Mount Allison, N.B.	..	..	2 12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 13	6 13

F. W. H., in memory of a beloved daughter

Collections at Branch Meeting ..	....	..	....	34 92	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 56	34 92	34 92
Balance on hand .....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 56	25 56
MISSION BAND.													
Mount Allison, N.B. ....	....	..	52 67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 67	52 67
Bideford, Sadie Spencer .....	....	..	6 13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 13	6 13
Carmarthen Street, St. John, Cheerful Toilers .....	....	..	26 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26 11	26 11
West Devon .....	....	..	2 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 50	2 50
The Ledge, N.B. ....	....	..	20 60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 60	20 60
Marysville, Active Workers .....	....	..	14 46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 30	14 46	14 46
Sale of Badges .....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 30	2 30
Total	\$1551 20	\$225 00	\$1182 30	\$517 35	\$613 01	\$483 15	\$368 60	\$10 37	\$3 75	\$226 28	\$5181 01	\$5021 94	\$5021 94

EXPENDITURE.

To General Treasurer, 1st quarter	\$559 14
" " 2nd "	562 68
" " 3rd "	1018 06
" " 4th "	2680 27
	<u>\$4920 15</u>
" Expenses of President	\$6 50
" " Cor. Secretary	16 43
" " Band Secretary	6 36
" " Treasurer	8 25
" " Organizers	4 66
" "	10 00
Printing	42 54
Sundries	7 05
Balance on hand	<u>101 79</u>
	<u>\$5021 94</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS OF DONATIONS.

Mrs. R. B. Jones, Woodstock, for Bible-woman in Kofu ..	\$25 00
Miss Hutchings, in memory of Harry	20 00
In memory of Mrs. Frank White	10 00
Mrs. F. W. H., in memory of a beloved daughter	25 00
Mount Allison Mission Band, for girl in Japan	52 67
Cape Traverse Auxiliary, for French work	1 00
Charlottetown Convention, collection for Hospital work ..	13 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCH, 1896-97.

BANDS.	NAME OF BAND.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount Paid Auxiliary Treasurer during the year.
Alberton	Rill and River	46	3	..	\$28 55
Baie Verte	Glad Tidings	21	..	4	15 50
* Bathurst	Try Again	16	16	..	12 00
Bedeque	Perseverance	44	..	..	66 66
Bideford	Sadie Spencer	24	..	21	6 13
Benton	Sadie Hart	15	..	..	15 70
* Bloomfield	Mayflower	12	12	..	2 50
Centreville	Shining Star	15	..	..	3 75
Charlottetown	Wesley Circle	43	29	..	28 72
"	Coqualeetza	50	24	..	25 49
" Grace Church	Earnest Workers	34	..	3	15 00
Cornwall	Onward	26	..	3	21 80
Fredericton	X. L.	12	..	13	16 36
* "	Ladies' Circle	12	..	..	10 59
Gagetown	Twinkling Star .....	..	..	..	0 60
Hampton	Day Star	12	..	..	27 45
Highfield	Pleasant Hours	16	..	2	4 00
Hopewell Hill	Missionary Star	14	..	4	6 22
Jacksonville	Friendly Workers	24	..	7	22 57
Kensington .....	.....	40	11	..	38 24
Little York	Dayspring	24	6	..	11 00
Margate	Sunbeam	25	..	3	23 93
Marysville	Active Workers	25	5	..	14 46
Moncton	Do What We Can	64	64	..	46 63
" Wesley Mem.	Help a Little	30	30	..	13 30
Montague	Loyal Workers	18	..	15	9 75
Mount Middleton .....	.....	..	..	..	..
Murray Harbor	Dawning Light	40	12	..	33 74
* Newtown	Lucas and Hamilton	23	23	..	3 63
Old Ridge	Buds of Promise .....	..	..	..	..
Point de Bute	Cartmell	13	..	9	38 32
Portland	Jessie Chipman	44	..	3	29 46
Pownal	Lavinia Clarke	26	..	..	13 21
Pleasant Vale	Snowdrop	19	..	7	7 71
Sackville	Ready Helpers	38	..	3	33 00
* "	White Violet	12	12	..	13 28
"	Mount Allison Circle	46	..	..	52 67
Searletown	Anchor of Hope	26	..	1	20 00
* Shediac	Gospel Trumpeters	9	9	..	2 00
St. John (Centenary)	Hiraiwa Circle	20	..	1	34 12
" "	King's Messengers	42	4	..	108 80
" Queen Square	Excelsior	14	..	..	22 92

* New Band.

BANDS.	NAME OF BAND.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount Paid Auxiliary Treasurer during the year.
St. John, E.
" Ca
St. Stephen
* " "
Summersid
Sussex
Teteagouch
Union Roa
Upper Kes
Victoria
Winsloe
* Williamst
* West Cap
West Devo
Woodstock
Total				

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BANDS.	NAME OF BAND.	Number of Members.	In rease.	Decrease.	Amount Paid Auxiliary Treasurer during the year.
St. John, Exmouth St..	Star	34	..	5	\$82 71
“ Carmarthen St.	Cheerful Toilers	16	4	..	26 11
St. Stephen	Torch Bearers	13	..	21	14 63
* “	Ledge Circle	17	17	..	20 60
Summerside	Happy Workers	14	..	..	6 40
Sussex	Never Give Up	18	..	2	8 26
Teteagouche	Forest Home	31	..	6	42 48
Union Road	Union	10	..	..	23 75
Upper Keswick	Wayside Workers	8	..	..	1 77
Victoria	Busy Bees	19	..	..	9 88
Winsloe	Skylark	11	..	4	2 50
* Williamstown	Thanksgiving	26	26	..	2 50
* West Cape	Star of Hope	7	7	..	2 45
West Devon .....	.....	..	..	..	2 50
Woodstock	Ella Dobson	20	10	..	33 75
	One Light Bearer	0 25
Total	1278	324	165	\$1182 30

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MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1896-97.

In presenting our second annual report, we rejoice and feel thankful that though our percentage of increase is not large, we have made some progress. We have felt much encouraged by the undiminished interest evinced, and the earnest perseverance and zeal in the work, together with the spirit of inquiry on the part of many Auxiliaries as to the best methods of increasing the interest in, and carrying on the work. Five new auxiliaries have been organized during the year, viz., Birtle, Roland, Moose Jaw, Rat Portage and Young Church, Winnipeg. Our financial standing, too, is very encouraging, being greatly in advance of last year. From one of the new Auxiliaries (Moose Jaw), we received the handsome sum of \$83.00, the result of the efforts of a little crippled lad, Herbie Bellamy, to be used expressly and only for the education of a pupil in the Kanazawa Orphanage.

Our Easter thankofferings were very generous this year, and were devoted to work among the Indians of the North-West.

Mention is made by others of the "Banner" donated by Mrs. Whitla, of Winnipeg, to our Branch.

As many Auxiliaries have not sent number of members, we cannot give an accurate total membership. One new life-member has been added during the year.

Any discrepancy that may appear between fees and members, is owing to the change of date in our year ending, many members only paying a part of the fee, but this will come right next year.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	29
" Mission Circles and Bands.....	6
" Auxiliary members.....	362
" Life-members.....	10
" Mission Band members.....	144
Total amount raised.....	\$1,150 81
" " " last year.....	807 46
	\$343 35
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M. CARCARY, *Cor. Sec.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Manitoba and North-West Conference Branch was held in the Methodist church, Portage la Prairie, June 2nd and 3rd, 1897.

The President, Mrs. G. H. Young (who occupied the chair at all sessions) greeted the delegates with a few inspiring words in reference to the work.

After devotional exercises, in which the several officers took part, the roll was called, showing twenty-four members present.

After several committees had been formed, Mrs. (Rev.) J. H. Ruttan conducted the memorial service, held in remembrance of our promoted comrades.

The consecration and sacramental service, conducted by Rev. G. Dean, President of Conference, followed. This was felt to be a time of spiritual up-lift to all taking part.

At the afternoon session Miss E. Lynch, Branch Organizer, who is also Superintendent of Systematic Giving, gave her reports, as did also the Branch Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carcary. Both of these reports proved that the work of the year was of a very satisfactory character; and five Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands have been added to the list during that time.

Miss Scott, Mission Band Secretary, followed with her report, and the Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of Miss Nixon, gave the Treasurer's report, which showed a very gratifying increase in the funds of the Society.

A paper by Mrs. (Rev.) J. Semmens on the Indian Work was of a very interesting character, and elicited a general discussion of this branch of missionary work.

The five-minute reports from Auxiliaries proved that a deep interest is taken in the work, and that in many cases it is prosecuted under unusual difficulties, many of them incident to a new and in some parts a very sparsely settled country.

The business of the second morning included the report of the Memorial Committee, which had reference to additional work being taken up, in the interest of the Indians, and the election of the officers.

In the afternoon the subject of "Notices of Motion," as given in the last printed annual report, was fully discussed.

The second, in reference to who shall constitute the Board of Managers, was adopted; and upon a vote being taken on the question of the Woman's Missionary Society having a paper of its own, an amendment carried, viz., "That we continue the *Outlook* and *Palm Branch* as they are now conducted."

The proposed amendment of Article III. of Mission Band Constitution was endorsed.

A communication was read from Mrs. Atkinson, Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union Corresponding Secretary, *re* the liquor and opium traffic.

A beautiful banner, donated by Mrs. R. J. Whitla, was awarded the Winnipeg Zion Church Mission Band for having made the greatest percentage of increase, during the year, in membership, funds and general work.

A paper by Miss Lynch, on "A Country Auxiliary," was greatly appreciated; and the Workers Conference, which followed, created great interest.

The Question Drawer, conducted by the President, gave additional practical information, all of which, no doubt, will result in more efficient work being done throughout the year by those attending this convention.

The following resolutions and by-laws were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference Organizer shall be elected by the Branch Executive at the Branch meeting.
2. That to save unnecessary expenditure of Missionary Funds, the names

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of the Auxiliary members of the Manitoba and North-West Conference Branch be omitted from the Annual Report.

3. That information as to our missionary work be placed before our Sunday School scholars when opportunity offers.

4. That Conference be asked the privilege of bringing our work before the members of the Church on one Sunday each year.

BY-LAWS.

1. That the election of officers in Auxiliaries, and of delegates to the Branch meeting, shall be by ballot, without nomination, and a majority vote be required.

2. That in the case of new Auxiliaries, organized late in the year, the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary be instructed to mention the organization of Auxiliary, with the money that has been sent, without stating the number of names.

3. That in order to save expense, the Branch Organizer may arrange with someone else conveniently situated to organize an Auxiliary.

4. That Branch officers and Organizer send in a statement of their expenses before the 30th of April each year.

5. That Conference Organizer and Lit. Secretary be *ex-officio* members of the Branch meeting and have all the privileges of delegates, and that their expenses be paid.

Two evening public meetings were held. At the first the Rev. G. Dean presided, the President giving her annual address and the Corresponding Secretary her annual report, slightly condensed. The remainder of the programme consisted of the address of welcome and reply, with greetings from sister societies. The second evening was equally profitable. A Mission Band exercise created a good deal of interest, and it was felt that those taking part, as well as those listening, would ever after feel a deeper interest in foreign missionary work. The presentation of the beautiful prize banner by the President, on behalf of Mrs. R. J. Whitla, to Zion Church Mission Band, was another very interesting feature, and the address of the Rev. J. H. Riddell, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, which followed, was of a very helpful, inspiring character, especially to those actively engaged in Woman's Missionary Society work.

The members of the Branch separated feeling that their coming together would arouse increased devotion to the work of the Master. They carried away grateful remembrances of the kindness and hospitality of the friends who had entertained them.

The officers elected for the year were:

<i>President</i>	Mrs. G. H. Young, Winnipeg.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. Semmens, Brandon.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Harrison, Boissevain.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Rev.) G. Dean, Portage la Prairie.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. S. Carcary, Winnipeg.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. G. P. Dolsen, Winnipeg.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Miss K. Nixon, Winnipeg.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	Miss Scott, Macdonald.
<i>Branch Organizer</i>	Miss E. Lynch, Beulah.
<i>Lit. Sec. and Treasurer</i>	Miss Neilson, Winnipeg.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mrs. J. B. Somerset, Winnipeg.

C. E. DOLSEN, *Rev. Sec.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-
WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH, FOR YEAR
ENDING APRIL 30th, 1897.**

RECEIPTS.

From Auxiliaries	\$763 33
" Mission Bands	85 68
" Auxiliaries after books closed	251 36
" Mission Bands after books closed	4 20
" Collections at Branch Meeting	16 00
" Balance from last year	7 50
" Interest on deposit	1 24
" Sale of quilt	1 75
" Rat Portage Auxiliary	19 75
	\$1,150 81

EXPENDITURE.

Literature	\$18 42
Exchange on drafts	1 75
Drafts to General Treasurer	1,035 60
Postage and printing	4 86
Organizers' expenses	8 81
Delegates' expenses to Branch Meeting	58 05
Balance on hand	3 57
	\$1,131 06
Dominion Express order to General Treasurer	19 75
	\$1,150 81

Audited and found correct,

E. J. HOUSSER, *Auditor.*

SPECIAL OBJECTS FOR WHICH MONEY IS CONTRIBUTED.

Grace Church Mission Circle, for Orphanage work in Kanazawa	\$30 00
Zion Church Mission Band, for Orphanage work in Kanazawa	30 00
Grace Church Sunday School, Grace Endo Fund	50 00
Young Church Junior League, for Japan Orphanage	16 40
Moose Jaw Auxiliary, for Kanazawa Orphanage	83 00
Beulah Auxiliary, for Indian Work	28 45
Grace Church Mission Circle, for Indian work	2 22
Cartwright Mission Band, for Indian work	2 00
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KATE NIXON, *Branch Treasurer.*

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSION BANDS, MANITOBA
BRANCH, 1896-97.

BANDS.	NAME OF BANDS.	Total No. Members.	Total Mem- bers' Fees.	Amount raised during year.	Amount sent Branch Trea- surer.
Winnipeg—					
“ Grace Church.	Doers of the Word...	18	\$4 50	\$39 22	\$38 37
“ Zion Church..	Prairie Gleaners.....	28	7 20	45 34	45 34
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Roland	31	2 60	2 00	2 00
Cartwright	20	1 00	1 00	1 00
Baldur	14	2 60	3 05	3 05
Beulah				
Total .....	.....	144	\$17 30	\$90 61	\$89 76

The Bands at Roland, Cartwright and Baldur, owing to removal of officers and other causes, have been unable to hold regular meetings during the year. Grace Church Mission Circle and Zion Church Mission Band have worked with increased interest, and their efforts have been attended with most encouraging results. Zion Church Mission Band received the beautiful banner donated by Mrs. Whitla, for presentation to the Band or Circle reporting the greatest percentage of increase in membership, funds and general work. The Blaris Band also reports good work during the past year.

EMMA SCOTT,
M. B. Cor. Sec.

STATEMENT FROM TREASURER OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Mem- bers' Fees.	Life-members' Fees.	Mission Bands.	Epworth Leagues.	Public Meetings, Net Proceeds.	Mite-boxes.	Donations and Thank-offer- ings.	Scattered Helpers.	Other Sources.	Expenses.	Total Amount Raised.	Total Amount sent Treasurer.
Winnipeg—Grace Church	\$19 50	..	\$38 37	..	..	..	\$95 45	..	\$44 70	\$1 25	\$198 02	\$196 77
—Zion Church	33 00	..	42 15	..	\$20 95	\$13 76	38 87	\$5 66	14 00	8 60	168 39	159 79
—Young Church	2 25	..	..	\$16 40	..	..	..	..	4 23	1 10	22 88	21 78
Medicine Hat	14 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14 00	14 00
Calgary	15 00	..	..	..	1 80	..	10 40	..	..	1 10	27 20	26 10
Brandon	26 10	..	..	..	33 50	2 00	..	..	1 00	0 60	62 60	62 00
Portage la Prairie	7 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	7 50	6 50
Beulah	9 00	..	3 05	..	16 45	..	0 10	..	..	0 15	28 60	28 45
Holland	13 50	..	..	7 70	..	1 15	..	2 80	7 15	8 65	32 30	23 65
Cypress River	8 00	..	..	..	5 30	5 22	..	..	..	2 52	18 52	16 00
Boissevain	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	1 00
Carman	8 28	..	0 11	..	2 00	11 06	0 25	..	..	0 10	21 67	21 57
Pilot Mound	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	3 00
Hartney	11 25	..	..	..	..	2 60	2 00	..	..	..	15 85	15 85
Macdonald	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	..	15 00	15 00
Glenboro'	15 75	..	..	..	8 20	..	1 00	..	..	2 35	24 95	22 60
Melgund	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	..	30 00	30 00
Miami	2 50	..	..	..	..	..	2 50	..	..	0 60	5 00	4 40
Crystal City	15 60	..	..	2 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 00	18 00
Neepawa	4 00	..	..	..	8 65	..	..	..	..	1 65	12 65	11 00
Minnedosa	8 00	..	..	..	5 60	..	12 20	..	11 50	0 60	37 30	36 70
Moose Jaw	15 25	..	..	..	4 15	1 60	..	..	1 10	0 60	22 10	21 50
Souris	19 25	..	..	..	4 10	..	..	8 90	1 30	2 25	33 55	31 30
Roland	27 00	\$25 00	..	..	3 30	..	..	..	5 90	5 90	61 20	55 30
Birtle	4 75	1 50	1 50	6 25	4 75
Total	\$310 45	\$25 00	\$33 68	\$26 50	\$114 00	\$37 39	\$162 77	\$17 36	\$110 38	\$40 52	\$887 53	\$847 01

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MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

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Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-members.*

MANITOBA AND N.-W. CONFERENCE BRANCH.

WINNIPEG, GRACE CHURCH.

Pres., Mrs. J. B. Somerset; V.-Pres., Mrs. Bull; Rec. Sec., *Mrs. Culver; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. F. Chamberlain; Treas., *Mrs. D. K. Elliott. Mesdames *Whitla, *G. H. Young, *R. H. Bryce, *A. W. Austin. Annual members, 48.

WINNIPEG, ZION CHURCH.

Pres., Mrs. Morris; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Carcary; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Dolsen; Rec. Sec., *Mrs. Lovell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Douglass; Treas., Miss Neilson. Annual members, 32.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Pres., Mrs. Houssar; V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Halstead; Rec. Sec., Mrs. (Rev.) Dean; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Fretz; Treas., Mrs. Graham. *Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon. Annual members, 18.

GLENBORO'.

Pres., Mrs. W. H. Moore; V.-Pres., Mrs. T. Hamilton; Rec. Sec., Miss Gee; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. B. Mathers; Treas., Mrs. J. W. Morrow. Annual members, 16.

CRYSTAL CITY.

Pres., Mrs. (Hon.) T. Greenway; Rec. Sec., Miss Grace Greenway; Cor. Sec., Mrs. (Rev.) T. B. Stacey; Treas., Miss Ella Cavanaugh. Annual members, 20.

MELGUND.

Pres., Mrs. M. E. Callender; V.-Pres., Mrs. R. Jackson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. H. McGaffin; Cor. Sec., Mrs. McGaffin; Treas., Mrs. Joseph Doupe. Annual members, 22.

CYPRESS RIVER.

Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. Stevens; Treas., Mrs. S. W. Adams. Annual members, 18.

BOISSEVAIN.

Pres., Mrs. W. S. Fuller; V.-Pres., Mrs. T. Johnson; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss S. A. Morrish; Treas., Mrs. R. McCausland. Annual members, 12.

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Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Woodsworth; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. McVicar; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Sproule; Rec. Sec., Mrs. D. A. Reesor; Cor. Sec., Miss L. McKenzie; Treas., Mrs. W. Burchill. Annual members, 30.

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Pres., Mrs. J. Dalmage; V.-Pres., Mrs. C. F. Krieger; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss Lulu B. Grant; Treas., Mrs. R. Mitchell. Annual members, 24.

RAT PORTAGE.

Pres., Mrs. Sturgeon; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Jackson; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. H. Langford; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clarke; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. E. Neads; Treas., Mrs. Daley. Annual members, 19.

YOUNG CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Cooke; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Riddell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Furze; Rec. Sec., Miss Lillian Brown; Treas., Mrs. Dyson. Annual members, 22.

MIAMI.

Pres., Miss Young; V.-Pres., Mrs. Talbot; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. A. Collins; Treas., Mrs. Jas. Howe. Annual members, 10.

CARMAN.

Pres., Mrs. Hugg; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Woodruff; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Phillips; Hon. Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Wigle; Cor. Sec., Mrs. (Dr.) Morrison; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Laidlaw; Treas., Mrs. Woods. Annual members, 16.

MEDICINE HAT.

Pres., Mrs. Colter; V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Barker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Barker; Rec. Sec., Miss Cleveland; Treas., Mrs. Evans.

NEEPAWA.

Pres., Mrs. Small; V.-Pres., Mrs. Skelding; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. Davis; Treas., Miss Hamilton.

MACDONALD.

Pres., Miss E. Scott; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Connor; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. J. Askin; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss M. Scott; Treas., Mrs. Furguson. Annual members, 12.

ROLAND.

Pres., Mrs. Jos. Sparling; 1st V.-Pres., *Mrs. (Rev.) Teeter; 2nd V.-Pres., Pres., Miss A. Young; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Sing; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Van Norman; Treas., Mrs. M. Burns. *Miss Zimmerman. Annual members, 27.

MOOSE JAW.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Ferrier; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. W. Bole; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Marlatt; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Annable; Treas., Mrs. W. Neeland. Annual members, 17.

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Pres., Miss Ella Lynch; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Harrison; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Hannah; 3rd V.-Pres., Miss Annie Lynch; 4th V.-Pres., Miss Webb; 5th V.-Pres., Miss M. Sparling; Rec. Sec., Mrs. (Rev.) Hughes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Rowles; Treas., Mrs. Hill. Annual members, 35.

CALGARY.

Pres., Mrs. T. T. Bowes; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Waldon; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. W. H. Cushing; Rec. Sec., Miss Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. F. Watson; Treas., Mrs. Kelley. Annual members, 15.

HARTNEY.

Pres., Mrs. Somerville; V.-Pres., Mrs. Jasper; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McEwon; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. S. Pierce; Treas., E. Jasper. Annual members, 12.

MINNEDOSA.

Pres., Mrs. J. Henery; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. Thos. Boyd; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Long; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. Clarke; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. McNeil; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Hilliard; Treas., Mrs. W. Wright. Annual members, 8.

BIRTLE.

Pres., Mrs. Hames; Rec. Sec., Miss Jessie Huggins; Cor. Sec., Miss Josie Huggins; Treas., Mrs. Markle. Annual members, 11.

BALDUR.

Pres., Mrs. Playfair; V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Joslyn; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Miss Vanalstein; Treas., Mrs. Brown.

RAPID CITY.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Davies; V.-Pres., Mrs. S. Watson; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Miss Jessie Butchart; Treas., Mrs. S. Cottingham.

HAMIOTA.

Pres., Mrs. McLean; V.-Pres., Mrs. (Dr.) Lawson; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. Crookshanks; Treas., Mrs. S. Kirk.

PILOT MOUND.

Pres., Mrs. R. P. Anderson; Rec. and Cor. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. E. Gordon.

HOLLAND.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) H. Lewis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. D. Evans; Cor. Sec., Mrs. McLaughlin; Treas., Miss Brown.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1897.

In presenting our sixth annual report we rejoice to note progress and enthusiasm in some of our auxiliaries, whilst in others we regret that obstacles have hindered their development.

The Watch Tower and Systematic Giving have been adopted by some of our auxiliaries, and have been beneficial in raising funds and increasing interest. Our most flourishing one—Homer Street, Vancouver—possesses a good library, and the interesting information gained therefrom is considered a great help. The Metropolitan, Victoria, has formed the nucleus of one, and is hopeful of increasing missionary zeal thereby. The latter auxiliary reports having made a life-member of one of their number who is now afflicted, but who at one time was an efficient helper. They also mourn the loss of Mrs. Theo. Elford, who was killed in the bridge accident just after the close of our convention in 1896. Another faithful and devoted member of our society in Vancouver has gone to be "forever with the Lord."

The Supply Committee reports having distributed one box and bag of clothing, together with \$11.00 cash, from the Metropolitan, two boxes from Centennial, two quilts from Duncan's, and one parcel of goods from Victoria West. These were sent direct to different missions.

Auxiliaries	11
Mission Bands	2*
Life-members	10
Auxiliary members	192
Mission Band members	51
Total membership	253
Total raised by Bands and Auxiliaries	\$401.45

* Another one has just been formed among the Chinese in Victoria.

ELLEN CHAPMAN, *Cor. Sec.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

Our annual convention was opened by a public meeting held in Homer Street Church, Vancouver, on Sunday afternoon, May 16th. The chair was ably filled by Rev. T. Crosby, President of Conference, whose reminiscences of the origin of the W.M.S. and the prosperity which has attended our efforts were very encouraging. Miss Morgan also gave an address on "The History of our Work in Japan." Her enthusiasm was inspiring.

The first session was opened May 17th. Three of our auxiliaries failed to send delegates, which reduced our number to fourteen, but the privileges of the convention, except that of voting for the officers, were conferred upon several of our missionary workers who were present as visitors, Miss Morgan being among the number. Miss Gould gave the address of welcome, and

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Mrs. Jenkins, of Victoria, the reply. Greetings from the W.C.T.U. and sister societies were received. A paper by Mrs. Sexsmith on "Lessons from the Life of a Missionary Heroine," one by Mrs. (Rev.) Spencer on the "Why of Missions," and an address on "The Duty of Mission Work," by Mrs. Drainie, were instructive and inspiring.

The report of the Memorial Committee drew forth an animated and lengthy discussion. After certain modifications it was adopted. Mrs. Walker, who at one time was engaged in the work, urged upon the convention the necessity of doing all possible for the elevation of the Indians. Only those who lived amongst them could understand their great need, and the good resulting from Christianity.

Modes of Work Committee made several important suggestions resulting in the appointment of two committees on a permanent basis, said committee to be composed of representatives from each Auxiliary, with Mrs (Rev.) Watson, Superintendent of Memorials, and Miss Gould, Superintendent of Modes of Work. Suggestions will be received from Auxiliaries through their representative and submitted to the Branch through the Superintendents. By this plan it is hoped to avoid undue haste in passing important memorials, which must be submitted to Conference in time for their endorsement.

The reports of Port Simpson and Coqualeetza, as given by Mrs. Crosby and Miss Alton, were so interesting that they were requested to embody the facts in leaflet form and place them at the disposal of the Literature Committee. The former brought specimens of needlework (which were much admired) and letters from the Indian children at Port Simpson. The letters were handed to the President of the Centennial Mission Band, she undertaking to have them answered by the members of her Band. The Organizer's report showed good work done, but without any apparent result. The difficulties encountered in British Columbia can hardly be understood by those in the East. A mountainous country newly and sparsely settled makes success numerically almost an impossibility.

The report of the Chinese Home called forth an interesting and animated discussion. On motion it was adopted. Revs. Carman, Thomson, Barraclough, Raley, Bowell and Betts were amongst our visitors. The General Superintendent, in a few kindly words, wished us God-speed.

Mrs. Betts was appointed delegate to the Board, and Miss Spence, alternate.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Betts, David Street, Victoria.
<i>1st Vice-President.</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Watson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Spencer.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Crosby.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - -	Mrs. Newcombe, Carl Avenue, Vancouver.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - -	Mrs. Chapman, Oaklands, Victoria.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - -	Mrs. Jas. Cunningham, New Westminster.
<i>Mission Band Cor. Sec.</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Barraclough, Chilliwack.
<i>Organizer</i>	- - -	Mrs. (Rev.) Betts.
<i>Auditor</i>	- - -	Rev. Mr. Watson.
<i>Supply Committee</i>	- - -	{ Mrs. Pendray, Belleville Street, James' Bay, Victoria; Mrs. Wells, Sardis P.O., Chilliwack.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

AUXILIARIES.	Annual Members.	Life-members.	Total.	Avg. Attendance.	Amount sent to Branch Treasurer
Victoria—Metropolitan	43	3	46	11	\$76 80
—Centennial	18	1	19	5	53 15
—West	11	..	11	3	19 25
Vancouver—Homer Street	40	3	43	16	92 85
—Princess Street	12	1	13	7	25 95
Port Simpson	28	1	29	6	73 00
Chilliwack	21	..	21	7	23 40
New Westminster	13	1	14	8	15 00
Kamloops	6	..	6	3	7 00
Richmond .....	..	..	..	..	5 00
Duncan's Mission Band .....	..	..	..	..	4 70
Duncan's .....	..	..	..	..	5 35
Total	192	10	202	..	\$401 45

Total received by General Treasurer, \$404.00.

REPORT OF MISSION BANDS.

For the year ending May 1st, 1897.

NAMES OF BANDS.	Annual Members.	Total sum from Mem- bers' Fees.	Amount raised during year.	Paid Auxili- ary Treas. during year.
Victoria Centennial.....	18	\$5 70	\$29 00	\$25 00
Duncan's	10	2 50	....	....
Coqualeetza.....	14	....	....	....
Duncan's	9	2 25	....	20 25
Total	51	\$10 45	\$29 00	\$45 25

Report is had from the Branch Corresponding Secretary of new Bands formed in connection with the Chinese and Indian Work in Victoria, which we hope to be able to report another year.

E. D. BARRACLOUGH,
Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands.

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MEMBERS OF AUXILIARIES.

PAYMENT OF \$1.00 PER ANNUM CONSTITUTES A MEMBER.

Those marked with an Asterisk () are Life-members.*

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH.

VICTORIA, METROPOLITAN.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Spencer; V.-Pres., Mrs. Sargison; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jenkins; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Pendray; Treas., *Mrs. Powell. Mesdames McMillan, *Teague, Tate, Crawther, D. Spencer, C. Spencer, Long, Dempster, Beckman, Jewell, Winkle, Ray, Goodacre, Siddle, Williams, Cleaver, Earle, Watkins, Sanderson, Rayner, Caldwell, Burkholder, Burgess, Noble, Durham, Bullen, Sherit, McKeal, Charlton, Yeo; Misses *Bowes, Morgan.

VICTORIA, CENTENNIAL.

Pres., Mrs. F. Adams; V.-Pres., Mrs. Chapman; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Holt; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Morris; Treas., Mrs. S. Johns. Mesdames *Betts, Humber, Gregg, Olive, Deaville, G. Grant, H. G. Hall, Friend; Misses Chapman, Smith. Honorary members—Messrs, W. Morris, Chapman, Sam Johns.

VICTORIA WEST.

Pres., Mrs. Gerow; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Okell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Firth; Treas., Miss Thorp. About eleven members, no names sent.

VANCOUVER, HOMER STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Wintemute; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. McTaggart; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Martensen; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Breeze; Cor. Sec., Miss E. A. Gould; Treas., *Miss Buttimer. Mesdames *Latimer, McCraney, Nichols, Eby, Robinson, Phipps, Mole, Morrison, Godfrey, LePage, McVety, Beck, Harris, Creelman, Major, Crowe, Wilson, Broderick, Jarrett, Mason, Miller, Richardson, Martin, Newcombe, Tufts, Jennings, Besley, Malkin, Ryals, Angus, J. Harris, Ryan; Misses Malkin, Wintemute, H. Wintemute, Edge, Breeze.

VANCOUVER, PRINCESS STREET.

Pres., Mrs. Lunn; V.-Pres., Mrs. Baer; Rec. Sec., Miss McIntyre; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hall; Treas., Mrs. Newcombe. Mesdames Wilson, Ridley, Kelly, Carter, Heslip, Clendenning, *Glenn, DeWolf.

PORT SIMPSON.

Pres., Miss Spence; 1st V.-Pres., *Mrs. Crosby; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. Raley; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Redner; Cor. Sec., Miss Paul; Treas., Mrs. C. Richards. Mesdames Bolton, Oliver, Brown, Pierce, Freeman, Russ, Abbot, Gibson, Osterhout, Brett, Jennings; Misses *Jessie Crosby, *Grace Crosby, *Gertie Crosby, Stevenson, Clark, Tranter, Beavis. Honorary members—Messrs. Rev. T. Crosby, A. E. Bolton, Pierce, Osterhout, Richards.

CHILLIWACK.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Barraclough; V.-Pres., Mrs. Wells; Rec. Sec., Miss Alton; Cor. Sec., Miss Burpee; Treas., Mrs. Veddar. Mesdames Midgley, Stevenson, Ogle, Dunville, (Rev.) Hall, Preston; Misses Smith, Midgley, Young, Nellie Taffandle, Mary Ann Thomas, Louisa Forrest, Eliza Marwick, Seraphine McCord, Julia Walten. Honorary member—Mr. Stuart.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Watson; V.-Pres., Mrs. Jas. Cunningham; Rec. Sec., Miss Laura Crake; Cor. Sec., Miss Mansell; Treas., Mrs. Peers. Mesdames J. D. Pearson, (Major) T. R. Pearson, Whittington, Styles, Townsend, Drew, Wells, Johnson; Miss Phair.

KAMLOOPS.

Pres., Mrs. Robson; V.-Pres., Mrs. A. Davis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. S. Harman; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Woodside; Treas., Mrs. Savage; and two members.

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SEPARATE AUXILIARIES.

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We come to the close of another year by no means discouraged, but with hope and thanksgiving. The year has not been without its difficulties and discouragements, yet we are thankful that no backward steps have been taken, and we feel sure advancement has been made. The little we can do may seem small. We must act for Christ, and smallness will be changed to greatness. Held twelve monthly meetings and all have been impressed with the interest. This is due, we think, to the use of "Suggested Programme Literature." Average attendance, 20; roll-call, 54; members, 42. Delighted to have amongst us again Mrs. Starr, so long our esteemed President, after a sojourn in United States and Canada. We sadly report the name of one of our members who has entered into rest, Mrs. Rowe. Four public meetings, our Easter thankoffering service very good. A united service with Gower Street, a very profitable time. A box of good things of all kinds sent to Rev. Hollett, missionary at Hamilton Inlet, Labrador. Missionary literature pretty freely circulated.

Centenary Mission Band doing very well. Monthly meetings regularly held, attendance fair, twenty-three members. The young folks are very sad at losing their President, Mrs. Arthur Dove, who organized their Ban^l. Her efforts have been untiring, and her service invaluable. She leaves us for another land. Five public meetings; moneys raised, \$31.89.

All workmen of God, we must not lose heart, but try "His will to know and do."
T. F. S.

Pres., Mrs. Rogerson; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Newman; 2nd V.-Pres., Mrs. (Dr.) Dove; 3rd V.-Pres., Mrs. Stidstone; Rec. Sec., Miss Cole; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. F. Shirran; Treas., Mrs. John Angel, jun. Mesdames Steer, J. Taylor, R. Miller, Samways, (Capt.) Green, (Capt.) Tucker, Hunter, John Angel, Edw. Knight, James Angel, Ayre, R. C. Ayre, (Dr.) Milligan, Geo. Milligan, McNeilly, A. Dove, Z. Cox, Belle, R. White, Leary, Pike, Soper, Sanson, Crambe, Tooley, (Dr.) Kendall, (Lt.) Hill, Pitman, Percy, A. W. Martin, Rowe; Misses Birchell, Roberts, Dotcheon, Stidstone.

BONAVISTA, NEWFOUNDLAND.

In our sixth annual report of the Bonavista Auxiliary, we are pleased to record a very prosperous year. We have now twenty-two members on the roll. During the year we have held eleven monthly meetings with an average attendance of eleven. Our public meeting in March was a great success and added \$15.00 to the treasury. The use of the Suggested Programme in the *Leaflet* has been helpful, and the "Watch Tower" members are doing good work.

Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) Pincock; 1st V.-Pres., Mrs. James Brown; 2nd V.-Pres., Miss A. House; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. E. Forbes; Treas., Mrs. J. Roper. Mesdames Geo. Templeman, Adam Harris, James Shirran, Wm. Tremlett, T. Fifield, Jane Abbott, Herbert Swyers, Robert Little, Geo. Little, L. Clark, J. Hampton; Misses Thirza Saint, Helen Templeman, Agnes Templeman, Marion Horwood, Jessie Swyers.

CONSTITUTION
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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH.

ART. I.—NAME.

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

ART. II.—OBJECT.

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

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually, either at one time or in instalments, shall constitute membership; and twenty-five dollars given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a Life-membership.

ART. IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a Board of Managers, co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies and Mission Bands, 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 Officers of the Society, the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, the Editor of department in *Outlook*, Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature and Publication Department, and delegates from

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each Branch in the proportion of one to every six hundred members, or major fraction thereof, 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, except in the cases of the British Columbia and Manitoba and North-West Territories Branches. Said Board shall meet annually or oftener, at such time and place as it shall annually determine.

SEC. 2.—The Officers of the Board of Managers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Corresponding Secretary, Home Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board, and also the President of each Branch, who is by virtue of her office a Vice-President of the Board of Managers. Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers and its Executive Committee; she shall sign all drafts and orders on the Treasurer, authorized by the Board of Managers and its Executive Committee; she shall call special meetings of the Executive Committee at the request of three of its members, of which not less than ten days' notice shall be given, except in cases of emergency. She is *ex officio* a member of all standing committees. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Board, and its Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings. The Field Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with all its missionaries, and with the Secretary of the General Society; shall prepare the monthly letters for publication, and present the report of the work in the mission stations to the Annual Meeting of the Board. The Home Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence with Branches, Auxiliaries and other organizations, and shall prepare the statistical report for the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Society, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Board of Managers and its Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Board and its Executive Committee being duly signed by the President of the Society; and she shall present an audited statement to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 4.—To transact business during the year, the Officers of the Board of Managers, with the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, shall *ex officio* form an Executive Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum.

SEC. 5.—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, the reports of the agents employed by the Society,

and the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society, to appropriate its funds, to devise the means for the carrying forward of the work to be undertaken by each; suggesting the amount to be raised, employing suitable missionaries, as the work may require, and designating their fields of labor. (2) To appoint a committee to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society. (3) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and the directions of the Board shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. VI.—BRANCHES.

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

SEC. 2.—The officers of each Branch of the Society shall consist of a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meeting, and shall continue in office till others are elected. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, five of whom shall be a quorum.

SEC. 3.—The President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee. She shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid. 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 prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall forward the money quarterly to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers.

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

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

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

ART. VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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

ART. VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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

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

ART. IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, 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.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

1. Calling of the roll.
2. Report of Nominating Committee.
3. Reception of Memorials and Resolutions.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Reports of Field and Home Corresponding Secretaries.
6. President's address.
7. Reports from Branches and Separate Auxiliaries.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Reports from Official Correspondents and presentation of work on the Mission Fields.

10. Reports of Publication Committee and Periodicals.
 11. Report of the Supply Committee.
 12. Report of other Standing Committee.
 13. Appropriations.
 14. Election of Officers.
 15. Election of Editors, appointment of Committees and Field Treasurers.
 16. Fixing place of next meeting.
 17. Miscellaneous business.
- Reports of Committees daily immediately after the reading of Minutes.

. RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All delegates speaking shall rise when they address the chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

BY-LAWS.

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

List of Auxiliaries.

Number of Auxiliaries present year.

Number of Life-members present year.

Number of Mission Bands.

Number of Mission Band Members.

A list of Life-members and Annual Members, and the report of the Branch Treasurer.

Also, to send to the Home Secretary immediately at the close of Branch meeting the names of delegates elected to the Board and the name of delegate appointed to the Nominating Committee.

2. The Recording Secretary of each Branch shall furnish a condensed account of their Annual Meeting, to be published in the Report.

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

4. In the election of delegates from Branches to the General Board a majority vote is required.

5. The names of, and amounts given by, contributors to special purposes shall be printed in a separate column of the Annual Report.

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6. The General Board shall make appropriations for all its work, and no special appeals shall be made to our Auxiliaries, but all our funds shall pass through the hands of Branch and Board Treasurers.

7. All solicitations for funds for special objects, excepting those legitimately belonging to the Supply Committee, before being introduced to the notice of our members, through any agency of this Society, shall be referred to, and receive the approval of, the proper authorities, namely, the Board or its Executive.

8. There shall be a Supply Committee consisting of four members appointed at the Annual Board Meeting, who shall have charge of all supplies of clothing, bedding, etc., contributed by the Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies, and who shall direct as to their destination. To avoid confusion, Auxiliaries, etc., must correspond with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee before sending goods to the Supply Committee or elsewhere.

9. There shall be a Literature and Publication Committee consisting of not more than seven members, resident in Toronto, who, with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, shall be appointed by the Board. Orders for Annual Reports, *Monthly Letters* and *Leaflets* should be sent to the Literature Committee, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, the money to accompany each order.

10. The Annual Meeting of the Board shall be held in the third week of October, leaving power with the President and Corresponding Secretary to postpone to the fourth if necessary.

11. Regular meetings of the Executive shall be held the third Wednesday in June and third Wednesday in April.

12. All expenses of the Annual Meetings of the Board and of meetings of the Executive, including all necessary travelling expenses, shall be paid from the General Fund.

13. All money received from legacies shall be used for special purposes, unless the object for which it is to be used be specified by the donor.

14. The printed or prepared forms issued by the General Board shall be used in all homes, refuges, schools, etc., supported or aided by the W. M. S., in order that proper returns may be made of the number, names, days' stay, age, sex, etc., of inmates, sources of income, and expenditure of the same, in detail, so that the cost of such institutions may be ascertained in order to have a basis on which grants may be made from the aforesaid Society to support such institutions, and that such reports be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Board not later than the 1st of September each year.

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

16. Certificates of Membership may be granted to members of any Auxiliary who may be changing their place of residence, which shall

constitute them members of the Auxiliary in the place to which they remove.

17. It shall be the duty of the Editor of the Woman's Missionary Society Department of the *Outlook* to publish articles relating to our own work ; and also to select and publish items of interest concerning the work and modes of working of the Woman's Missionary Societies of other denominations.

18. Any Branch may arrange for representation, by proxy, from the Branch within whose limits the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers may, from time to time, be held.

19. All memorials and resolutions forwarded to the Board of Managers of this Society shall be officially signed and dated.

20. All funds of this Society in the hands of the General Treasurer shall be deposited in a chartered bank designated by the Board of Managers. All funds of this Society in the hands of Branch Treasurers shall be deposited in chartered banks to be designated by such Branch. This rule shall apply to Auxiliaries and Mission Circles and Bands when possible.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

That every By-law and Resolution that governs our Board, Branches, Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, Committees or Agents, be each year revised to date by the Committee on Annual Report, and printed in every year's report, and that this resolution be placed at the head of the revised By-laws and Resolutions.

That the members be requested to remember this Society in prayer between the hours of five and six each Sabbath.

That Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands confine their efforts in mission work to the objects named by our Society at the last preceding Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

That when any change of Constitution is requested, notice of such change shall be published in the *Guardian*, *Wesleyan* and *Outlook*, by the middle of May and September, and that this be considered sufficient notice to the Branches. A copy also should be sent to the Home Secretary.

That as it is desirable that the Annual Report be printed in November, all matter for the Report, except the Minutes of the Board Meeting, shall be forwarded to the Committee for its publication immediately after the Branch Meetings.

That our public meetings be guarded against anything which might tend to foster a love for the dramatic, and that we use our influence against the introduction of any methods of raising money on which we cannot conscientiously ask God's blessing.

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CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY.

ART. I.—NAME.

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

ART. II.—OBJECT.

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

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person paying annually the sum of One Dollar, at one time or in instalments, to the funds of this Society, shall be deemed a member, and as such shall be entitled to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Society, and vote at the election of Officers. Twenty-five Dollars given by one person at one time, or in instalments during the year, shall constitute a Life-membership.

ART. IV.—OFFICERS.

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

ART. V.—COMMITTEE.

A Committee of _____ ladies shall be appointed annually, who, with the Officers, shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall conduct the affairs of the Auxiliary during the year.

ART. VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of September, at which the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, an abstract of which is to be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of that Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society to which the Auxiliary belongs; Officers, Auditor and Committee elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as may tend to promote the objects of the Society.

ART. VII.—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 Board of Managers may indicate.

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

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests. She shall call special meetings upon the request of three members, and shall be *ex officio* a member of all standing committees. She shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Society or Committee, and give proper notice of all special and stated meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch the 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, one of whom shall drop out each month, and another be elected to take her place.

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

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

10. At such other Branch Annual Meetings every Auxiliary shall be numbered.

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10. At the Annual Meeting of each Auxiliary in September, or such other meeting as may be most convenient, delegates to the Branch Annual Meeting shall be elected in the proportion of one for every Auxiliary numbering under fifty, and two for every Auxiliary numbering fifty or more, a majority vote being required.

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

12. Membership fees must be forwarded in full to the Branch Treasurer. Local expenses must be met out of other funds.

NOTE.—Local expenses mean stationery and postage for officers and books necessary for transaction of business.

13. The names of life-members shall be printed where they reside.

14. The last Wednesday in September shall be observed throughout our entire membership as a day of special prayer for God's blessing on the approaching Annual Branch and Board meetings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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

MISSION CIRCLES AND 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 Circle or Band, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is found, or to the Branch in whose territory it is.

2. The object of Mission Circles and Bands shall be, primarily, to develop a missionary spirit, and secondarily, to raise funds to send the Gospel to the heathen.

3. Anyone may become a member of the Mission Circle by the annual payment of twenty-five cents, and may become a life-member thereof by the payment of five dollars, and her name be printed in the Annual Report. Annual membership for Bands or Junior Members may be ten cents.

4. The Officers of a Mission Circle or Band shall be President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer, and a Committee to arrange the best methods of work; these and an Auditor shall be elected annually.

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

6. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Circle or Band, and to make quarterly and annual reports to the Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in whose bounds it is.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary or the Branch in which the Circle or Band is formed.

8. 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.

9. Any Mission Circle or Band numbering forty members or over, or contributing \$25.00 to the Woman's Missionary Society, shall be entitled to send one delegate to 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.

10. Any Epworth League numbering forty members or over, and contributing \$25.00 to the funds of the W. M. S. shall be entitled to send one delegate to 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.

11. Where there are two Mission Bands, neither having a large enough membership to be entitled to send a delegate to the Branch meeting, they may unitedly send one delegate.

QUESTIONS TO MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Do you believe that you are moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls for Christ, and how has this desire been manifested?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, as set forth in the Book of Discipline of said Church?

6. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?
7. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?
8. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?
9. In what way?
10. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?
11. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?
12. What is the nature of the work?
13. Are you engaged in any other work, and work of what kind?
14. Have you any other work, and work of what kind?

1. A mission is a work of God, and is actuated on the part of the Christian by the Holy Spirit.
2. She must be a member of a Christian Church.
3. She must be a member of a Christian Church, and must be engaged in the work of the Church.
4. She must be a member of a Christian Church, and must be engaged in the work of the Church.
5. She must be a member of a Christian Church, and must be engaged in the work of the Church.
6. The work of the Church is not more a matter of facility in work, may be regarded as a rule.
7. Final judgment is a matter of circumstance.
8. Missionary work is a matter of circumstance, and is not more a matter of facility in work, may be regarded as a rule.
9. After the work of the Church is over, two members may be regarded as a rule.

6. Have you any knowledge of the aims, constitution, methods and work of the Woman's Missionary Society?

7. Have you a good English education? have you a certificate? If so, what grade.

8. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; to what extent? did you readily acquire the same?

9. In what schools have you taught?

10. Have you a knowledge of music? vocal or instrumental?

11. Have you any proficiency in domestic lines, or aptitude therefor?

12. What is the condition of your health?

13. Are you engaged to be married?

14. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.

2. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

3. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five of these years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

4. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship; some experience in teaching and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.

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

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

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

8. Missionary candidates shall be recommended by the Branch in which they reside, before their testimonials are considered by the General Executive. There shall be a personal interview with at least two members of the General Executive before final acceptance.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. Missionaries shall incur no expense to be met by the Society for which estimates have not previously been submitted to, and approved of, by the Board of Managers, or by its Executive Committee.

2. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statements.

3. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are requested not to apply to private sources for aid for their work.

4. A medical missionary shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, and any surplus shall be credited to the Woman's Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

5. We recommend that, when practicable, such arrangements be made for the duties of our missionaries to foreign fields during their first year's service, as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be two-thirds of the fixed salary. Medical missionaries shall, from the first, receive full salary.

6. Missionaries to foreign fields shall be allowed one hundred dollars (\$100) for personal outfit, and \$100 for house furnishings, when considered necessary by the furnishing committee on the field—the latter to be the property of the Woman's Missionary Society. Missionaries to home fields shall be allowed fifty dollars for personal outfit, said sum to be considered part of first year's salary.

7. If there prove manifest unfitness for missionary work, the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Board or its Executive; necessary return expenses to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

8. A missionary desiring to return home from any other cause than ill-health, must secure permission from the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee, otherwise her expenses cannot be allowed. In case of ill-health requiring her immediate return, she shall bring a certificate to that effect from a physician and the lady missionary in charge, and shall be entitled to one-half salary for that year. If it be necessary for her to remain at home longer than one year, arrangements must be made by the Board or its Executive.

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9. Each returned missionary on furlough shall be expected to attend the first session of the Board of Managers after her return. Her travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be paid by the Society, unless otherwise provided for.

10. Returned missionaries are directly under the control of the Board and its Executive, and it is strongly recommended that they address no public meetings during the first three months. If health permit they may attend a limited number during the following six months at the discretion of the Executive, the last three months to be given up to rest and preparation for return.

11. Missionaries on the field are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Field Corresponding Secretary, and the action of the Board of Managers or its Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

12. The Treasurers in the mission fields, both home and foreign, are instructed to forward receipts for remittances to Treasurer, and a statement of balance on hand with the number of pupils in residence, quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and a full statement annually in time to insure its arriving before the first of October of each year.

13. All Mission Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary in time to insure their arriving on or before the first of October of each year.

14. Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the Board of Managers. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application to the Executive Committee.

15. If any money be not required for the object for which it was appropriated, it may be used for any other purpose which the Council may recommend and the Board or its Executive approve, and any surplus funds from native sources may be used under the direction of the Council. If any surplus funds remain in the mission treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported in the annual statement.

16. Each missionary must report to the Field Corresponding Secretary the date of her arrival on the mission field to which she has been appointed; her salary begins that day and all allowance for travelling expenses ceases. A detailed statement of her travelling expenses and of the balance in hand, must be handed to the Treasurer of her specific field, taking a receipt therefor.

17. The furlough for missionaries sent out under the direction and control of the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society, shall be for one year, with travelling expenses home and \$250.00 salary.

18. Where there is an Advisory Committee in connection with a mission field or home, the matron or missionary in charge shall con-

sult it in all matters pertaining to the efficiency of the work under her care. The annual and quarterly statements shall be submitted to said Committee for its approval, and the estimates for the coming year shall receive its endorsement, being signed by the Secretary of said Committee, as well as by the Treasurer of that specific mission field or home.

19. The Secretary of each mission field or home must send to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board a yearly list of Bible-women, supported students and orphans in October, after the opening of the schools.

20. Each missionary candidate shall be required to attend a Methodist Training Home such time as the Executive Committee shall specify, taking up the course required in theology and actively engaging in Christian work, as directed by the Superintendent of the Home, the expenses of such training to be borne by the Society when necessary.

NOTE.—In exceptional cases the Executive shall have power to suspend this rule.

21. Each missionary candidate shall pass a theological examination in the following course prescribed by the Board:

COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Doctrines.

- (a) Manual of Methodist Doctrines (*Galbraith*).
- (b) Wesley's Sermons, as follows :
 - (1) Salvation by Faith, 1.
 - (2) Justification by Faith, 5.
 - (3) Witness of the Spirit, 10.
 - (4) Sin in Believers, 13.
 - (5) Law Established through Faith, 35.
 - (6) On Christian Perfection, 40.

2. Bible Study.

- (a) Bible Outlines (*Vincent*).
 - (b) Epistle to the Romans (*Burwash*).
3. Catechism. No. 2 (or that adopted by the General Conference).
4. Discipline of the Methodist Church, relating to Polity and Economy.

22. Each mission is a little community in which the will of the majority should rule. Each member of it should do her utmost to promote its peace and unity, and to submit gracefully and not merely because she cannot prevail. She should keep herself well informed as to the work and policy of her associates, in order that her estimate

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Every missionary candidate shall be required to sign the following contract:

I agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employment of the Woman's Missionary Society, and, failing in this, to refund the amount of my outfit and passage-money.

Signed

FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CANADA.

I GIVE, devise and bequeath to THE METHODIST CHURCH the sum of _____ dollars out of my pure personalty (if the bequest is to be real estate instead of or as well as personal property, the bequest should read as follows: Also the following lands and premises situate, lying and being [describing the property as accurately as possible], to be held or disposed of by the said Methodist Church, and the proceeds) to be paid, expended, and applied by the said Methodist Church for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society and the support of the different Mission Stations of the said Woman's Missionary Society, or any of them, or for the aid and support of the (*fill in the name of the Mission for which preference is had—for instance, the Japan Mission, the French Missions, or otherwise as the case may be*) Missions of said Society, and the receipt or receipts of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Woman's Missionary Society, for the time being, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors, and the published Report of the Board of Managers of the said Society, containing the appointment of such Treasurer or Treasurers, shall be sufficient evidence of the authority upon which the said Treasurer or Treasurers may demand payment of the said bequest.

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