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## Field Notes.

THE General Secretary will spend the month of November in the Nova Scotia Conference, beginning with Yarmouth, Sunday, November 6th, assisting at Missionary Anniversaries. Returning (D.V.) at the end of the month, his engagements for December will be published in the *Guardian*.

IN no place perhaps does the life of a faithful follower of the Master shine with greater lustre, or tell more

for God and humanity, than on our Indian Missions. Such a record has Chief Madwayosh, of the Saugeen Reserve, left behind him. Rev. J. W. Brandon writes: "We buried our Chief a few weeks ago. He was a fine old man, a good Christian, and died in the triumphs of faith, greatly revered and respected by his people."

A FRIEND in writing to us, after giving an account of a missionary meeting in which a number of the young people had taken part, says: "We had a very interesting evening. I did not think mission work could be so interesting. I have read so little about

it, but I intend reading now and see what is being done." We hope that many of our young friends will find out what a grand field for research and study this mission work is. TRY IT.

WE have to thank our friends for the hearty support the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK has received during the past, and as we try to make each succeeding number surpass the former, we are confident the circulation will continue to increase. New subscribers ordering during November will receive the November and December numbers of this year free. Terms, single copies, 40 cents a year; clubs of eight copies and upwards, 25 cents.

WE take the following extract from a letter from the Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell, B.A., dated Yang-tsz-ling (in the mountains fifty miles from Chen-tu), Aug. 5th, 1892 :

"The cholera is still raging in Chen-tu. One device has been resorted to to stay the disease peculiar to heathenism. According to Chinese ideas, the gods reckon their accounts every New Year's, which usually comes in February. In order to divert the attention of the gods of pestilence, and get them reckoning accounts, the officials have proclaimed that it is now New Year's. All the processions and festivities peculiar to Chinese New Year are now in season. They think in this way to fool the gods, and by having them reckon their accounts withdraw their attention from earthly things. This done, they expect the pestilence to cease. Pray for China that the light of the gospel may soon dispel the dense darkness."

REV. J. C. SIDEY, of Red Bay, Labrador South, writes: "Kindly allow me in your OUTLOOK to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of five dollars as a 'widow's mite' received to-day. This is the first and only subscription that we have received as yet. Doubtless the great fire in St. John's has claimed the first place in the sympathy of the children of our Father in the Provinces; but as it is useless to expect help from our own people in the fallen city, upon whom we largely depended, we trust that our efforts to raise a place of worship in this isolated part will not be entirely forgotten."

THE Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Record* published in Pittsburg, Penn., in asking that the address of the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK be changed, says, "Your paper is one of the best that comes to me as an exchange, and I look for its visits regularly each month."

WE have had much pleasure in receiving from Miss Mary Burt, Springfield, Ohio, a "Mission map of Japan," which has just been published. It is printed on cotton, and can be folded up and put into a very small space. Surrounding the map proper are many interesting facts and figures regarding Japan. We think our Epworth Leagues and Mission Bands could make good use of such a map. Price \$1.35.

## Editorial and Contributed.

O.K.A.

THE last report emanating from Oka briefly stated that the mission had not outgrown the difficulties of its position. It still endures the privations forced upon it without a thought of receding from the faith possessed, or of walking by other light than the gospel light furnished to it so long by the Methodist people. With due respect to the advice and counsel of the Stanstead Conference, it weighed the terms offered by the Seminary of Montreal for the surrender of its rights as minors in the Lake Seignior, and through the public press refused acceptance of them. The Indians learning from the letter and spirit of the decree constituting the Seignior that it was obtained in their interests and for them, claim that equally with the Seigniors themselves, and before all others, they have the right to live on and by its land. Their long efforts to have their claims brought into the Privy Council of England being denied, they were constrained to place them openly in the hands of God and His Church. The Church, as the lesser partner, has replied, "we believe the Indians have substantial rights in the Lake Seignior," the higher Partner, the Indians believe, will in due time speak and be heard in righteousness; till then they meet their difficulties patiently.

Through the year now closed, attendance upon the public religious services has been general and steadfast. A few weeks of special labors put forth in the winter served to scatter vain assemblies that were getting bold. In the prayer-meetings, though no English was spoken, save by the minister, it was easy to detect that a spirit of supplication rested upon the people. Some cases of intemperance jarred occasionally the even tenor of our fellowship, but scriptural knowledge is increasing, and with it righteous practice keeps company. Five of our members have fallen by death; among them was Lazare Akaronte, father of the famed late Chief Joseph. The statement frequently made, "our people die well," has no exception here. In exchanging worlds, last hours are so attended with calm peace and confidence in Christ's power to forgive sins as to attract wonder from Indians who still adhere to Rome. One aged widow in the nineties, after giving up the secret worship of the Virgin Mary and the saints has had a wonderful experience of a grand peace she had heard others tell of, but which, until that moment, she had never possessed. Offers of entertainment, provisions, and free quarters in the comfortable home of the nuns, have failed to draw

her away from her profession and simple trust in the cross of Christ, or from the humble home where she ekes out a living by making and selling baskets. Two day schools and a Sabbath school are conducted. The apathy of Indian parents, that for years has weighed heavily against acquiring English literature, is the greatest bar to a higher and profitable civilization. It is quite possible if the minister appointed and the teachers engaged will make the work a specialty, that they will produce in five or six years a congregation understanding the English tongue, and it is possible equally to let education drift through seventy-five years more before the centenary of the Anglo-Indian school shall be celebrated in plain English.

S. E. MAUDSLEY.

#### EXPERIENCE OF AN INDIAN WOMAN.

**M**ICOUSE is an Indian woman, a widow, and a member of the Oka band. In conversation with the missionary she gave some items from her experience as follows:

"At the time of the Reformation, in 1870, and breaking away from Rome, I was up the Gatineau River with my husband. We came back in 1875, and joined the Protestants. My husband afterwards went back to Rome, and wanted me to do so, but I refused. He was nearly blind, and the priest gave him work to saw wood. My husband took sick and died about ten years ago. Before he died he said to me not to come back to Rome, but to stop where I was, and if he lived he would go again with me. All this time I was going along with the rest of the Protestants, but I used to pray to the Virgin too, and kept my beads—the beads belonging to my mother. These were strong ones, and I was told they came from the Pope, and that he had blessed them. But I did not feel happy. I heard other Protestant Indians say they were very happy, and not afraid to die. I considered how that was, for I was afraid. One night I began to think of the ten commandments, and it said we must not bow down to an image, and God said He was a gracious God; and then I think perhaps God is displeased with me for praying to the Virgin Mary, and I won't pray to her again for two weeks. I found peace at once like the rest, and have only prayed to Jesus since. A priest came and spoke to me to come to confession. I said, 'What shall I confess?' He said, 'Your sins, and I can forgive you.' But I said, 'Only God can forgive; the priest cannot forgive himself, and will have to go to judgment like the rest. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins to pardon me, and I am not afraid.' The priest then said, 'If you come to our church we will take care of you and give you work; your clothes are all rags.' I said, 'Well, if they are rags, I shan't want them long; they belong to the world, and I shall leave them, and when I do, I shall be given a white robe.' The priest followed up his good things by asking me to come and live with the nuns, and they would take care of me; but I said, 'God takes care of me.' He then said, 'You have nothing; sometimes you have no bread.' I said, 'I have bread, and if sometimes there is none, it is not long; an hour or an hour and a half and God sends it. I am God's child; He helps me, and I ask Him all the time. If my clothes are poor, was not Jesus poor?

When I lie down I have a pillow for my head, and have a blanket to cover me; when I get up I have bread and I have water. Did not Jesus say, 'The foxes have holes, and I have no place?' When the priest was going away he said I must not tell what he had said. I said, 'I will tell it if I like.' He wanted me to take fifty cents and then twenty-five more. I suppose it was that I must not talk of him. I told him that I would not take his money. Two weeks ago Mrs. Decam came on the same message, and had her lesson like the priest's for me. I would be taken care of if I came to their church. I had no wood, but it would be brought me. I said, 'Summer is near, and I would not want wood, only some chips to cook the food, and I can pick them up myself.'"

#### MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

**T**HE General Board of Missions met in Ottawa, September 27th, and continued in session till 10 p.m. of the 29th.

The chair was occupied the first day by the Rev. Dr. Carman, who was subsequently called to Toronto on other important business. During his absence the Rev. Dr. Douglas presided.

Those present at roll call were:—Revs. A. Carman, D.D., Belleville; A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto; J. Shaw, D.D., Toronto; Geo. Douglas, D.D., and T. G. Williams, D.D., Montreal; S. F. Huestis, Halifax; John Potts, D.D., and Geo. Webber, Toronto; James Hannon, D.D., Guelph; J. S. Williamson, Oakville; J. F. German, M.A., Toronto; J. G. Scott, St. Thomas; D. G. Sutherland, D.D., Hamilton; John Scott, M.A., St. Mary's; W. S. Griffin, D.D., Galt; T. M. Campbell, Lindsay; James Kines, Carleton Place; W. H. Hertz, Yarmouth, N.S.; E. Evans, Hampton, N.B.; Joseph Hall, Vancouver, B.C.; J. Nurse, Newfoundland; J. Semmens, Winnipeg; J. Woodsworth, Brandon, Man. Messrs. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., Toronto; Hon. J. C. Aikins, Toronto; W. M. Gray, Seaforth; W. F. Hall, Napanee; W. H. Lambly, Inverness, Que.; A. J. Donly, Simcoe; R. L. Black, River Philip; W. J. Parkhill, Midland; B. Hopkins, Brownsville; W. G. Smith, Guelph; R. Aylesworth, Desoronto; S. E. Mitchell, Pembroke; S. Finley, Montreal; M. D. Baskin, St. John, N.B.; Prof. E. Odlum, Vancouver, B.C.; J. E. Peters, Newfoundland.

Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., was appointed Secretary; Rev. W. H. Hertz, Assistant Secretary, and A. J. Donly, Esq., Journal Secretary.

An abstract of the Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the work was read by Dr. Sutherland, and was very encouraging.

This report, as well as those of the Treasurer and Auditors, was adopted. These having been already published, need not be further referred to here.

From all directions comes the cheering news that the Indians are being greatly improved. Their ideas of life and responsibility to God and man are changing for the better.

Five sub-committees were appointed to examine into and report concerning the work and finances of Home and Foreign Missions, as follows:—Home Appropriations, Japan Affairs, Indian Affairs, China and Chinese Work in British Columbia, Miscellaneous Matters and Resolutions.

The General Secretary read the Minutes of the Committee on Consultation and Finance during the past year, for the information of the Board.

The Chairman appointed Revs. Dr. Williams, S. F. Huestis, W. F. Hall, Dr. Griffin and Jas. Woodsworth, as a Committee on Nominations.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., moved, and Rev. J. Potts, D.D., seconded as follows:—"Whereas in the providence of God our friend and brother, Joseph Lister, Esq., of Hamilton, representative of the Niagara Conference on this Board, has recently been removed by death from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, this Board would put upon record its appreciation of the Christian life and character of our departed brother, and of his earnest services in behalf of the Church at home and abroad. Mr. Lister has at various times been a member of this Board, and his help and counsel have been to it of the highest value. This Board deeply deplores the loss it has sustained in his removal, and conveys to the bereaved wife and family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their affliction." Carried unanimously.

It was ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Lister.

On motion the General Superintendent and the General Secretary were appointed members of all committees. The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

A communication asking aid towards building a church on the Valleyfield Mission; also a letter from Rev. Jas. B. Heal, Financial Secretary of the Bermuda District, asking for a visit from the General Superintendent or General Secretary were read, and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters. Afterwards it was decided that it was competent for the General Superintendent to visit Bermuda or any other district at any time in the interests of the work of the Church.

The correspondence from Japan was all referred to the Committee on Japan affairs, and in like manner all communications to the several committees—each to its own.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

The Missionary Meeting, Tuesday evening, in the Dominion Church, was a splendid success.

The speakers were Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. J. Nurse, Rev. J. Semmens and Prof. Odium, all of whom gave interesting addresses. The chair was ably filled by the Hon. J. C. Aikins, LL.D.

Rev. Mr. Nurse explained the work in Newfoundland, set forth the hardships caused by the forest fires and the conflagration in St. John's, and said there is a growing interest in the Gulf Colony on both sides of the Atlantic. By the liberality of the Canadian provinces and cities, a bond of affection had been created, binding and drawing the Newfoundlanders towards the Dominion as never before. May this drawing process end in a happy union of all the British possessions of North America.

Professor Odium, B.Sc., then spoke in a vigorous manner on the importance of actual missionary work in the realms of business, politics, education and science. He surprised many by the methods he adopted to show the immensity of Canada, her natural resources, magnificent location, climate and prospects, claiming that in the future her population would count by the hundreds of millions. The foundation must be laid deep and broad, the best principles put into the nation's life now in order to see them bear the highest type of fruit in the future. The speaker showed clearly that the tide of immigration is setting northward from the States, and will rapidly increase as the people find that Canada has far better chances, soil, and a more favorable climate for success and better results than the States. The Professor is no pessimist concerning the future of Canada, and repelled amidst the heartiest applause the idea of annexation.

The Rev. Dr. Griffin followed with a speech of a most interesting and instructive character. The central idea was the "Grand Old Heroes of Methodism," who have gone to their reward. He was pleased to look forward to the grand

future portrayed by the previous speaker, but insisted on looking back on the faces and lives of those self-sacrificing men of God who had pioneered the way into the homes of the early settlers. The "grand old saddle-bag preachers, God's honored saints in the forests of this young Dominion in her early days! Long may their names be held in sacred memory!" He referred to Prof. Odium's attack on the geographers who give so much information of an unreliable character, especially relating to British Columbia. The learned Doctor said the trouble comes from the fact that the Pacific Province and her wonderful cities are growing so fast that the geographers cannot keep up with them, and give satisfaction to the western men who are characterized by so much push and energy.

The Rev. Mr. Semmens, of Winnipeg, followed in a short, pithy and telling speech. In a pleasing manner he told of the work done by the missionary Evans, who invented the syllabic character and taught the Indians to read. By means of this syllabic he translated the Scriptures, and thus brought God's truth within reach of the red men inhabiting those northern regions between Hudson Bay and the Rocky Mountains.

After a good collection and a beautiful solo by Miss Benson, the large audience went away delighted with what they had heard.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

In the absence of Dr. Carman, the Rev. Dr. Douglas was called to the chair, and no choice could have been more suitable.

The basis of appropriation for the present year was adopted as follows:—

	Married.	Single Ordained.	Single Unordained.
Ordinary missions . . . . .	\$750	\$400	\$350
Cities and Towns . . . . .	850	450	400
Newfoundland . . . . .	800	450	400
Manitoba and North-West . . . .	850	450	400
British Columbia . . . . .	900	500	450

Upon motion, it was resolved to continue the method hitherto prevailing with the items in the schedules.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Mr. Nurse read a statement of losses of missionaries entailed by the fires in Newfoundland. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

The consideration of the schedules was resumed.

Removal expenses and special cases of brethren in the various Conferences were considered and adjusted.

The Rev. J. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, read a very interesting report of the work in that country; whereupon it was moved by Dr. Potts and seconded by Bro. Parkhill,—That the editors of the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* be requested to publish Bro. Woodsworth's report on missions in Manitoba and North-West in full. Carried.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

The report on Miscellaneous Resolutions was submitted and adopted by the Board.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland informed the Board that the Rev. Dr. Brecken, of Sackville, N.B., had sent a donation of \$1,000 to the Mission Rooms in aid of the proposed hospital work in China; and read a communication from Dr. Brecken on the subject.

Rev. T. M. Campbell submitted a resolution of thanks to Rev. Dr. Brecken for his very liberal and most welcome donation toward the Chinese work, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That the General Board hereby places upon record its grateful recognition of the generous gift of the Rev. Dr. Brecken, of Sackville, N.B., of one thousand dollars toward the establishment of a hospital in connection with our mission work in China. We regard this donation from Dr. Brecken as timely and providential, as it will doubtless prompt other gifts toward the same object, and thus secure at an early day what is indispensable to missionary work in China—a well equipped hospital.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland read a letter from Rev. J. Hargreaves, missionary of the Wesleyan Church in China; *re* Chinese work in British Columbia, which was referred to the proper Committee.

Professor Odlum submitted the report on the Japanese work as follows:—

The Committee of the General Board of Missions appointed to consider matters relating to the work in Japan, report and recommend as follows:—

1. That this Board is greatly pleased with the report of the medical work performed by Dr. Macdonald, setting forth the income from his medical practice and the expenditure thereof largely in support of our mission work in Japan. It is apparent to the Board that the work thus administered must be of great benefit not only to the individuals concerned, but to our cause in Japan.

2. *Re* Tokyo Tabernacle. That this Board approves of the action taken by the Committee of Consultation and Finance in this case; but in deference to the expressed wish of the Japan Mission Council, consents that Dr. Eby remain in charge of the Tabernacle work for the present.

3. *Re* Dr. Cochran's removal expenses. Whereas it appears that the state of Mrs. Cochran's health will not admit of her returning to Japan, and that in consequence Dr. Cochran intends retiring from active work at the Conference of 1893, this Board authorizes the payment for his return expenses of a sum not exceeding \$300.

4. *Re* Dr. Eby's request for a lady assistant in the Tabernacle work. This request being supported by the Mission Council in Japan, the Board concurs in the recommendation; but as the General Society does not employ lady missionaries, it is ordered that the request be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

5. *Re* Illness of Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A. The health of Bro. Saunby having failed to a degree that makes the present prosecution of his work impossible, and as it is believed that a year's rest may restore him to his former vigor, it is agreed that he be granted a furlough of one year, to date from the time fixed by the Mission Council for his return to Canada.

6. *Re* School work at Shizuoka. As the Rev. F. A. Cassidy will be entitled to a furlough after the Conference of 1893, and as it is necessary that provision be made for the work there during his absence, the Board consents to the appointment of the Rev. H. H. Coates, M.A., B.D., to said school; the appointment to take effect from the 1st of July next. In the event of his marrying, salary to be computed accordingly.

7. *Re* Expenses of Messrs. Mackenzie and Crummy. With the evidence at present in possession, it does not appear that a valid claim has been made out; but it is recommended that the matter be left with the Committee of Consultation and Finance, so that if there be any further evidence it may be duly considered.

8. *Re* Travelling expenses to Council meeting. We recommend that travelling expenses to the annual meeting only be paid.

9. *Re* Proposed church and site at Nagano. The Committee approved of the proposal, and recommend that 1,400

yen be appropriated for the purchase of the lot and the building of the church.

10. *Re* Proposed mission house at Fukui. We recommend that in preference to purchasing and building this year, the sum of 150 yen be appropriated for the improvement of the house now in use.

11. *Re* Lot for mission house in Shizuoka. The Committee concur in the proposal, and recommend that 500 yen be appropriated for that purpose.

Items 12 and 13, Referring to salary of Messrs. Yamanaka and Dunlop. Recommended that they be left to the Committee on Appropriations.

14. A question of the Japan Mission Council was submitted to the following effect:—"Does a man who has spent two years in the work as a single man, at a single man's salary, if he then marries, become entitled to the salary of a married man of the third year?" We are of the opinion that a missionary entering the work as a single man, and afterward marrying and continuing in the mission work, is entitled to rank in regard to salary, only as a married man of the first year.

Item 15, including sub-items a, b, c, d and e, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

16. In view of the retirement of Dr. Cochran at the Conference of 1893, we recommend that a suitable man for the school work be secured in accordance with the request of the Mission Council to that effect. We also recommend that a suitable resolution be provided expressing the high appreciation entertained by the Board of the eminent services rendered by Dr. Cochran to our work in Japan, and our regret that he is obliged to retire from active service.

17. We recommend that the Board confirm the appointment of Dr. Macdonald as Chairman of the Mission Council in Japan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. AIKINS, *Chairman*.

E. ODLUM, *Secretary*.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Board then went into the consideration of the estimates for the Japanese work.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The reports of the various Committees were read, and the schedule work was finished.

By resolution, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Board in the Centenary Church, at Hamilton, on the first Tuesday in October, 1893.

The following resolution referred from the Committee of Finance, was read and adopted:—

That the General Secretary prepare a list of Domestic Missions that have been occupied as such for ten years and upwards, showing in each case: (a) Length of time the locality has had Methodist services; (b) What changes have been made during that period; (c) The length of time the field has been a mission substantially in its present form; (d) The statistical returns from the Conference Minutes for the past year; (e) The prospect of the mission becoming self-sustaining in the near future; (f) If this is not likely, then what obstacles are in the way of a readjustment of the work by attaching the appointments to other circuits? Carried.

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

The Board met at 8.30 p.m., and continued its sitting until all the work was completed.

Throughout the entire deliberations the best of feeling and perfect harmony prevailed. The business-like manner and quickness of despatch manifested by the executive officers

and committees would reflect credit upon any deliberative body.

The various estimates were examined with the most scrupulous care. When the end was reached it was found that the grants to Home Missions, added to the amounts which the missions proposed to raise, will give the same average as last year, namely, 75 per cent. of the basis of appropriation.

Shortly before 10 o'clock prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Griffin, the benediction was pronounced, and a laborious but most delightful session of the Board came to a close.

## Along the Line.

### WEST CHINA.

*Letter from REV. GEO. E. HARTWELL, B.A., dated CHEN-TU, August 1st, 1892.*

BEFORE this, the sad news shall have reached the Mission Rooms of our painful loss in the person of our beloved Mrs. Kilborn. Thinking you would like to know the particulars, and being present during her sickness, I pen these few lines.

Three days previous to Sunday, July 10th, it rained. The air consequently became much cooler, culminating in a damp chilly Saturday. Sudden changes are often not felt outwardly, and not until a cold manifests itself does the individual realize its importance. Saturday was a busy day with us all. For two weeks we had been engaged in arranging our new homes. The finishing touches, so to speak, were now being made. All day Mrs. Kilborn flitted in and out arranging now this thing, now that, until everything seemed to her taste. Once, while they gazed upon their plain, yet cozy, sitting-room, she remarked, "Nothing grates upon my eye, everything harmonizes." Her bright, cheerful face indicated a greater degree of health than usual. Contentment and happiness spread their peaceful wings over our combined homes as weary with our day's work, we retired to rest.

Sunday morning, after Chinese prayers, we learned that Mrs. Kilborn was ill. It was at first supposed to be a severe attack of cholera morbus. The disease had been gathering strength from four o'clock in the morning. In four hours, so fiercely had it wrought that the bright cheerful face had disappeared, and the features were scarcely recognizable. The first shadow now fell upon our Mission. All day we anxiously watched, expecting a change. Despite the untiring efforts of all, her weakness increased. It was not until sundown that we heard that cholera was raging through the city. It was now evident that it was this terrible disease that was causing our dear Mrs. Kilborn's weakness. All we could do was wait until the disease had spent itself, hoping strength enough would remain to permit her to rally; God ordered otherwise. Nine o'clock she rallied—hope—alas, it was only for a few moments, unconsciousness soon stole the light from the eyes, and two hours later her soul passed over the river. To understand the emotions of our beloved doctor, one must stand where he stood to see the dearest individual on earth quietly depart to another realm. Monday she was carefully placed in a Chinese coffin and carried to a temporary resting place. Six o'clock Monday evening a very solemn service was conducted by the Rev. Spencer Lewis, of the M. E. Mission. God's afflicting hand drew us very close to Him as we reverently murmured: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We however "sorrow not even as others which have no hope." A bright testimony was given

in the afternoon. While speaking of her mother who died over a year ago, she said "that next to living with her dear husband she would prefer to be with her God, as she knew her sins were all forgiven." Longfellow beautifully voices the feelings which fills our breast:

"And though at times impetuous with emotion  
And anguish long suppressed,  
The swelling heart heaves moaning like the ocean  
That cannot be at rest.  
We will be patient and assuage the feeling,  
We may not wholly stay;  
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,  
The grief that must have way."

Steps were immediately taken to stay the spread of the disease. A temple in the mountains, three days' journey in chairs, was visited, and rooms rented. Just as soon as arrangements could be made, Dr. Stevenson and wife, Mrs. Hartwell and myself started for the mountains. There was only a delay of a week and a half. We are expecting Dr. Kilborn—who wished to stay to make some arrangements for a plot of ground with Mr. Cady of the Methodist Episcopal Mission—every day. His health has been unusually good, for which we are very thankful, as it has enabled him to endure more bravely his inestimable loss. We are now situated 5,000 feet above the sea in a most beautiful situation, and with plenty of fresh exhilarating air. Dr. Stevenson, who had been quite poorly, is regaining strength, and we hope, under God's kind care, to so recruit as to be able to withstand the many demands of this climate. Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Hartwell have thus far been enjoying excellent health, even better than at home. As for myself, I perspired so much I lost twenty pounds, but otherwise have enjoyed good health, and now expect to gain back again what I lost. The mountain affords an excellent opportunity to study. For fear the climate in China might hinder volunteers to offer themselves for China, I would like to say that the dangers in Chen-tu and West China are very slight in comparison with most mission fields. This is a peculiar year on account of the cholera, and yet if the missionary has a strong body, free from disease, little danger, even now, surrounds him. Apart from these diseases which spread over the country, Chen-tu is considered very healthy. There is not intense heat, nor, we are told, intense cold. Frequent showers keep the air cool, and though we have had some hot days, we have experienced very little inconvenience. In fact woollens can be comfortably worn the year around, and it is far safer to bring out a supply of thick and thin woollens than cotton underwear. The sudden changes striking on unprotected parts of the body, causes sickness more quickly than anything else. I write this more earnestly, for now seems to be the time to take the land. The earlier helpers come the quicker they will acquire the language. A magnificent field is now open to Church—cities all around without missionaries. We would like to conquer Sze Chuan for Methodism. The Methodist Episcopal Church has very kindly welcomed us, and went to great trouble to help us in getting settled. They are now awakened to the advantages of this field, and are pushing out along various lines of missionary work. We ought at an early date have a hospital in active operation, schools, etc., and I hope ere long, say 1900, a college. The harvest is white, but the laborers are few. We are constantly praying for showers of blessing to fall upon the home Church, that from their treasury of men and money we may have fifty missionaries in the field in this century.

THERE are now ninety-two Christian churches in the city of Tokio, Japan.

## THE "GLAD TIDINGS" MISSION.

*Notes from the Log-book by REV. C. M. TATE.*

*Thursday, Sept. 8th.*—Steamed out of Victoria harbor bound for the west coast of Vancouver Island. Our first call was at Sooke, one of the oldest settlements in the country. There is also a small band of Indians numbering about thirty. After spending a couple of hours at this point, we steamed on towards the Pacific Ocean, intending to anchor at Port San Juan for the night, but when about eight miles from our destination, a dense fog came in from the ocean and completely covered up the entrance to the harbor. As the coast is very dangerous, we were afraid to keep in shore, and as the darkness was settling around us, we thought it best to keep out for the night and see what morning would bring. We blew our whistle at intervals so that other vessels might not run us down. In the thick fog we passed close by a sailing vessel, and shortly after heard some people shouting at the top of their voice. We did not know what to make of it until a canoe with eleven Indians passed our bow. At midnight steam began to escape from a bolt-hole in the boiler, so that the steersman could not stay inside and had to steer by reaching through the window. However, there was not much steering to be done, as we kept the boat going round in a circle until daylight appeared. We could tell our position by the fog-whistles on Cape Flattery, and Carmanah, Vancouver Island. Several times during the night we heard a minute gun boom forth, but could not tell whether it was a ship in distress, or one of the Japan steamers, probably the latter, as it passed us inward bound early in the morning. A breeze from the land drove the fog out to sea, and at sunrise we made Port San Juan. Whilst the engineer was making repairs, we went on shore and visited the Indians. We found quite a village, but not many Indians, as they have not yet returned from the Fraser fisheries. Upon enquiry we found that a great many of the Indians from the several tribes were from home, and considering the risk we would have to run on account of the fog, which is worst at this time of the year, we deemed it advisable to return and visit the Gulf tribes until we get some rain to clear away the fog. After repairs were completed we returned to Beecher Bay, where we went on shore and conducted a very interesting service with the Indians. There is quite a large band of them, and altogether neglected. I wish we could place an agent here, who could also visit Sooke and Peddar Bay, both of which points are close by. As there are quite a number of white settlers in this vicinity, a good work might be done by a man whose heart was filled by the Holy Ghost.

*Saturday, Sept. 10th.*—Reached Victoria towards evening, and decided to spend Sunday here. I ought to have mentioned that as we returned, we picked up the canoe which we nearly ran down in the darkness, and towed them into Victoria. The poor creatures were entirely ignorant of any Gospel truth, and looked in surprise at us when we sang and prayed in our morning service. They are from one of the tribes on the northern end of the island. They had heard of the smallpox in Victoria, and wished us to give them medicine to keep it away. Having some vaccine on board, we vaccinated them all before getting into port.

*Sunday, Sept. 11th.*—Service at 10 a.m. in the Indian church. In the afternoon we went to the camp across the bay, and finding that the old chief had died in the night, we gathered in a large concourse of people, and preached Christ to them around the corpse of their pagan chief. Many times during his life did we offer him the Gospel, but his reply always was, "Take it to the white people, they need it more than me." And he was not far astray, considering the class of white people with whom he had mingled. I visited him a few days before his death, and conducted ser-

vice in his house. He thanked me for the words I had spoken to him, and said that now he was going to die, he wanted to make his heart right with God. We pointed him to the Saviour, and trust that God in His abundant mercy showed compassion to this poor benighted soul. His people told me that he became unconscious before death, and whilst in that state, a Catholic priest had come in and performed the marriage ceremony, after which he baptized him, and placed the wafer upon his lips. We pity the poor creatures who are led to believe that these ceremonies, although performed upon a person as good as dead, will ensure them a safe entrance to the home of the blest, where, we are strictly told, none can enter save by Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth and the life." In the evening we held an evangelistic service in the Indian church among a mixed congregation of whites, Indians and Chinese.

We have written and spoken so often about the need of a missionary to the Indians in Victoria (where these poor creatures congregate from all parts of the land, and return to their homes demoralized, diseased and dying, because there is no one to care for them), we feel utterly discouraged. Lord, hear our prayers, and send forth more laborers into the harvest field!

After a few days at New Westminster—giving the missionary an opportunity to visit his other Mission at Chilliwack, whilst the boat was undergoing a coat of paint and general clean up—we started on Tuesday, 27th, for Howe Sound. Our first call was at Georgetown, a settlement of white people, where we held service in the little school house, at 7 p.m. The Rev. E. Robson, who took passage with us, conducted the service. In the after service two or three souls decided for Jesus.

*Sept. 28th.*—Started at daylight, and made our first call for the day at an Indian camp before the people were out of bed. We woke them up, however, and after some talk about spiritual things and a short religious service, we steamed on to the shingle mill, where Mr. Robson went on shore and conducted service. We next made Squamish River, but on account of recent rains, the whole valley was inundated, and we were unable to reach either Indians or white people, excepting a few of the settlers who were at the steamboat landing, with whom he held service. The current was so strong in the river we dare not stay, so we steamed out and reached Vancouver at dusk, where we had the privilege of hearing Rev. E. R. Young in one of his famous lectures.

*Sept. 29th.*—Crossed to Nanaimo, where we spent the evening with the Indians in a blessed service.

*Sept. 30th.*—Took on coal at Departure Bay, and steamed on to Qualicum, which place we reached at dusk. Went on shore and held service, when quite a number of both Indians and whites took part, some for the first time, others who have been backsliders for a number of years. Thank God for this night's service.

*Oct. 1st.*—Shortly after midnight we had to get up and get the anchor, as a heavy south-east storm had arisen with a pouring rain, and we were driving toward the beach. We had just enough steam to get us clear of the land. But for the light house on Denman Island, I do not know what we should have done, as it was so dark we could not see the land. A very heavy sea was running; but after getting into Boyne's Sound it was more comfortable. We put the boat under a slow head of steam, and wished for the day. Spent a most miserable night. At daylight we made Comox, and the storm continuing, we could not leave again, although we intended getting to Cape Mudge for Sunday. In the afternoon we visited the Comox Indian camp and arranged for service to-morrow.

*Sunday, Oct. 2nd.*—Went to the Presbyterian Sunday School in the morning, and addressed the children. In the afternoon we had about as many whites as Indians to our

service, which we held on the seashore. We trust the seed sown will take root, and bring forth fruit unto eternal life. Baptized an Indian baby during the service.

We have some interesting things to tell about the Indians in their great potlatch at Cape Mudge, and also our visits to the logging camps, but will leave this for another letter, as we have a chance to mail this on the steamer "Comox," which is anchored close by.

#### THE INDIAN WORK.

*Letter from REV. W. H. PIERCE, dated NEW KITZEGUCLA, B.C., Sept. 15th, 1892.*

WE left Inverness, our summer station, the last week of July by canoe. We called at Essington to say good-bye to our friends, but owing to some unexpected trouble caused by one of the party, we had to change our plans and wait for the steamer *Caledonia*. In two days we were off, and expected to reach our mission on Saturday, but when we got up to the canyon the water had risen considerably. The captain said that it was impossible to go through, so we had to wait, and we spent Sunday at Kit-se-lash village, and had three services. Bro. Becker, who was on his way to take charge of the Hay-mill-gete Mission, took charge of the afternoon service, after which I had the pleasure of baptizing the daughter of the young chief there. The next day the water was still rising, so the following morning it was decided to go down to the coast again, and bring any Indians who might want to come from the canneries. On our return again, the water was at the right stage, and we went through splendidly. We had quite a number of Indians on board, and they were greatly surprised and delighted to see the great wisdom of the white man in using fire and water to make the big boat plough through the strong current of Skeena river. We arrived home the following Saturday, and found a few people at home. Those that had been working at the canneries got here three weeks afterwards. Several of them are off now to the mountains, and others are at their fishing-camps preparing food for the winter. We hold services in their camps as often as possible. A few weeks ago the news reached us that Louis and his wife had both died on their way up the river, and a few days afterwards his sister died also. The man and his wife both joined the Mission when this village was first laid out, but went back to heathenism shortly afterwards. When the heathen people knew what had happened, they were so much afraid that they said, "God's anger is upon us." They thought that the smallpox had broken out amongst them, and they fled to the mountains. We trust and pray that God's power will shake their proud hearts and that they may be obedient to the gospel call. I am now building an additional room to the mission-house; it will be used for medicine and to hold meetings, etc., and will be comfortable when finished.

#### CORNWALL ISLAND.

*Letter from REV. E. TENNANT, dated CORNWALL ISLAND, September 22, 1892.*

I WAS appointed at the last Conference to take charge of the Indian Mission on Cornwall Island. I find the work more interesting and important than I had expected. We will give a few facts which may be interesting to the friends of missions.

The Island is situated in the St. Lawrence, opposite the town of Cornwall, and is about five miles long and one mile wide in the centre. The greater part of the land is fertile. Some fields are beautiful. There are about sixty families living on the Island. About twenty families attend the services of the Methodist Church. Originally all were

Roman Catholics. It is now nearly twenty years since the first converts to Protestantism were enrolled. I have had returned to me the names of forty-one persons as members of the Church. There are others who occasionally attend our services. One thing which impressed me greatly in looking over the membership register was the fact that quite a number give the date of their conversion and reception into the Methodist Church. Our church is a frame building situated about the centre of the Island. It is also used for a school room. There is no other service held on the Island. The school is taught by Mr. Louis Benedict, who is also my interpreter. The attendance at school is fairly good considering the circumstances. There is a separate school about one-eighth of a mile distant. There are two services held every Sabbath, a prayer-meeting at 10.30, and preaching service at 2.30, with testimony meeting afterwards, and prayer-meeting every Thursday evening. I have been delighted with the spirit of the meetings. The singing is good, and testimony meetings are cheerful and lively. I look upon the Mission as important and worthy of our best efforts to do the people good and promote the glory of God. It shall be our object and aim to lead precious souls to Christ.

#### THE HOME WORK.

**Musselboro' Mission, Manitoba.**—At the first meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, held on the 20th August, at which Rev. I. C. McClung, Chairman of the Morden District, presided, it was decided that this field become a self-supporting circuit for a young man. This mission embraces settlements from Swan Lake in the West, to Deerwood Station, on the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railroad, in the East. The people are principally from the Province of Ontario, but a large number are French-Canadians from Quebec and elsewhere. The Indians on the Swan Lake reserve are visited by Roman Catholic priests. The French have a church and priest at St. Leon, and a church and priest at St. Alphonse. Two Presbyterian missionaries and an English Church clergyman also labor in these settlements. On one Sunday we drive to Somerset, and preach in the morning in the school house, then drive to Swan Lake school house and preach there in the afternoon; then drive to the Pembina River, tie our horse to a tree, cross the river in a boat, walk two miles to a school-house, preach there in the evening, returning after service to the river, and home for supper and rest. On the other Sabbath, having driven twenty miles on Saturday to Alta, or as it was formerly known, Musselboro', we are conveyed by the foreman of the railroad section on his hand-car to Deerwood, five and a half miles, and preach at 11 a.m. to a small congregation in a small private house. After service we return to Alta and in the afternoon preach in the school house. This country is a mixture of bush and prairie and swamp; in dry weather the roads or trails are passable, in wet weather almost impassable. Casting our bread upon the waters, by words of warning and words of encouragement, by distribution of Sunday School literature and selected tracts, by preaching the Word, and by fervent prayer, we tearfully sow and joyfully reap. To God be all praise.

E. W. WOOD.

THE Pope, it is said, has accumulated an immense private fortune, and the funds of the Church at his command are still enormous, as may be judged from the facts that the Pontiff has so far refused to take the annual income of 3,200,000*f.* voted by the Italian Parliament to the Church, and that there has been no diminution in the state and ceremony with which the Pontifical Court is maintained. The annual income of the Vatican is estimated at over 13,000,000*f.*

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"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts i. 8.

"Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."—17.

"And on my handmaidens, I will pour out, in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."—18.

WE, of to-day, live in the fulfilment of this mighty promise of God. Women to-day are not only teachers, but preachers of the "good tidings," even receiving ordination in some denominations, and though to the conventional mind this latter may appear strange, if not undesirable, yet we are forced to the conviction that Christ can send His message through the lips of consecrated women to-day, just as He did on the resurrection morn, and we believe He is doing it!

PREJUDICES are, however, yielding to the advances of knowledge, and a more generous interpretation of the principles of Christianity. Yet it sounds strangely in our ears, to hear men and women who can sit a long evening through, enraptured with the performances of an actress and see no *unsexing* in it, calmly express the view that God never intended a woman to unsex herself by speaking from a pulpit or platform.

IN the working of our W.M.S and of kindred societies, women are learning the practical personal

appropriation of the Divine promises. The very effort to carry on the work has enriched our spiritual life. We are all learning how truly work done for God is twice blessed, and the reflex influence is not the least good accomplished. The tendency of this woman's work, at the present time, is to broaden the whole character. When you find a woman wholly absorbed in the life inside her own four walls, you find a fit subject for some missionary work. Great movements are afoot, the Christian world is throbbing and pulsating with effort for God, but that woman knows naught of it. Such, and there are many even in our churches, need our kindly visits, our literature, our prayers, and perhaps more than all, some of our work to do. Let us seek to win such for their good, as well as our own.

THERE is one thought in all society work which is very apt to be lost sight of. We mean the supreme importance of individuality. Just as we are born as individuals and saved as individuals, so must we work as individuals. Responsibility belongs to individuality. We shall all be judged as individuals. A proper realization of this thought on the part of Christians generally, would produce much more effective work. Too many are indifferent altogether and too many hastily or carelessly adopt ready-made opinions. This largely explains the perpetuation of foolish theories and superstitions, legacies of an age when knowledge was the heritage of the few. The instinct of our present day inquiry is a noble one and we should cultivate it earnestly. In all our society work the general benefit is to be found in the use of the particular gifts. Some are able in finance, others in debate, others are strong in executive ability, others again in organization; some have the talent of suggestion, others the power of public address, and while all these are prayerfully consecrated and used, the general good is promoted. Thus God uses the individuality of each to work together for the good of the whole.

"WHAT have you been reading during the summer?" said one friend to another. "Indeed, nothing but the missionary papers and magazines," was the reply, "and they are so full of interest they quite fascinate me." And so they are, but the great regret is that they mostly come into the hands of those already alive to missions. In W.C.T.U. work, it is one duty of press superintendents to get temperance facts into the local dailies that they may come under the notice of those who would never read a temperance paper. Is there not a hint here?

To those who fear every new movement among Christians, we commend the following weighty words from the *Missionary Review*:—Conservatism may insure safety, but it may also produce inertia; it may remove obstacles in the rear, but it cannot dismantle mountains in the front; it may pull back on the brink of a precipice, but it will not go forward when it has the opportunity of working a miracle.

#### WHEN AND WHAT TO READ.

If you are impatient, sit down and have a talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong-headed, go to see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy man or woman, read Daniel.

If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the Promised Land.

#### BIBLE READER.

AT Haidarabad, a photographic studio has been opened, in which the operators are all women. The Koran forbids the making of portraits, but the Muftis have declared that photography cannot be included in the prohibition since the prophet knew nothing of it.—*Missionary Review*.

A NIECE of King Theebau, a bright girl of seventeen, and pupil in the Wesleyan Mission, has applied for baptism.—*Missionary Review*.

THERE is a whole volume of suggestiveness in the following:—A young man was being examined preparatory to uniting with the church. "Under whose preaching were you converted?" inquired the pastor. "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply. "I was converted through *my mother's practising*."

#### QUESTION CORNER.

IF a sister is so poor that only after great self-sacrifice and love to Christ she puts two cents a week into her mite box, and at the end of the year presents said mite box to the Women's Missionary Society, is her one dollar and four cents credited to the mite boxes—and so she is not a member—or is the one dollar taken for membership fees, and the four cents goes in the mite box column? Please answer in **OUTLOOK**, and oblige,  
Yours,  
C. E. BRAY.

#### REPLY.

Money cannot be reported in two places. If it is paid to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary as *mite box money*, it must be so reported. If, however, a sister so desires, we see nothing to hinder her saving her two cents a week and paying it as *her membership fee*, which plan we would recommend, at the end of the year. If she desires, she might add one cent to the four, and become thus a subscriber to the *Monthly Letter Leaflet*, which would speak to her of missions throughout the year.

#### WESTERN BRANCH.

THE tenth annual meeting was held in the Central Church, Woodstock, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1892. The session opened at 2.30 on Tuesday. Mrs. Burns, of St. Thomas, in the chair. After devotional exercises and routine a most touching and solemn memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Dickson, London. As each name was called some member of the convention rose and gave a short sketch of the life and work of the sister deceased. Mrs. Dickson closed with a few thoughts on the shortness of life and our consequent responsibility. The following is the list of "promoted members":

Mrs. J. Grant, Acton; Mrs. S. Robinson, Miss Cooley, Mrs. Awde, Mrs. Stinson, Miss Ham, all of Brantford; Grandma Sharpe, Caistorville; Miss Davidson, Dundas; Mrs. Smith, Dunnville; Mrs. J. Crowe, Mrs. J. C. Walker, Miss S. A. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Clark, of Guelph; Mrs. A. McCallum, Hamilton; Mrs. G. Horning, Jerseyville; Mrs. Tisdale, Otterville; Mrs. S. A. Morse, Niagara Falls South; Miss Annie Code, Listowel, who left the Society a bequest of \$800; Mrs. Rev. J. C. Laird, and Mrs. A. S. Abbot, London; Mrs. Elson, London West; Miss Dora Switzer, Kirkton; Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Austin, of Paris; Mrs. S. Bradley, Tintern; Mrs. Fulford, Teeswater; Mrs. Grafton Smith, Woodstock; Mrs. Crow, Welland; Mrs. Morden, Rock Chapel; Mrs. L. C. Kilty, Sarnia; Mrs. F. Charlton, Littlewood; Mrs. J. S. Job, Waterdown. A number of resolutions and memorials were handed in to the Committee, all referring to General Board work and which will appear in the proceedings of that Board.

Between the afternoon and evening session an elegant and appetising tea was served in the lecture-room, to which hungry delegates did ample justice, spending a pleasant hour in social intercourse.

The evening service was conducted by the ladies, Mrs. Burns being in the chair. The audience was large and attentive, indeed all the evening meetings were well attended, the Woodstock friends showing their appreciation of the sessions by filling the church on each occasion.

Mrs. Burns in her address reviewed the work of the Society from its inauguration, urging upon the women of our churches the responsibility of using every talent, each one stirring up the gift that is in her. Mrs. Cunningham, Cor.-Sec., gave her report. Nineteen new auxiliaries and 9 new mission bands had been organized, besides several ready for work with the incoming year; 5 auxiliaries had dropped. The number of auxiliaries at present, 148; annual members, 3,500; life members, 186; total members, 3,686, increase, 405; mission bands, 59, an increase of 4. Mrs. Williams followed with the Treasurer's report given by quarters, as follows: First quarter, \$1,524.01; second quarter, \$1,645.20; third quarter, \$1,763.73; fourth quarter, \$4,962.76; total \$9,895.70; with a few other items added making an income of \$10,040.12, and increase of \$1,700. Sent to Gen. Treas., \$9,800; both reports accepted. The addresses of welcome and reply were given respectively by Mrs. Ross, Woodstock, Mrs. Mills, Guelph. Sister societies were represented by Mesdames Dadson, Baptist; White, Congregational; new

St. Pauls, Mrs. Beard; and on a later afternoon by Mesdames McLeod, McAll mission, McMullen and McKay, Presbyterian. All these greetings were affectionate and sisterly in tone and spoke of the unity of Christians in mission work. Miss Whitfield, from Liberia, Africa, spoke at some length. She described the degraded condition of women in that country and thrilled her audience with her description of the barbarous treatment of a wife by her brutal husband. Five years ago, Miss Whitfield went from Dundas, Ont., to work under Bishop Taylor. Although the progress of the gospel is slow and there is much to discourage, Miss Whitfield purposes returning shortly. The choir rendered valuable assistance, and a good collection closed an interesting meeting.

Wednesday morning was taken up with Committee work; five being in session from 10.30 till noon, viz.: Memorials, Modes of Work, Organizers, Mission Bands and Courtesies. The afternoon was largely occupied with reports of the morning's work. The Memorial Committee report dealt principally with changes in annual report.

The Committee on Modes of Work recommended (1) that as far as practicable a monthly prayer meeting to promote the interest of mission work be held in connection with the regular prayer-meeting in order to interest and instruct the general public; (2) that as a number of members are engaged in business and never attend the meetings, that once or twice a year the auxiliary give a plain tea and especially invite members and any others they may wish in order that they may be interested in the work, and that members be asked to bring any interesting missionary matter for use in meetings; (3) that in each auxiliary there be a recruiting committee of four appointed, and that there be a thanksgiving offering, a birthday box and a self-denial week established.

Mesdames Burns, Wood, Atkin and Wright took charge of a "model auxiliary." This exercise was for the assistance of those not familiar with the mode of conducting auxiliary meetings. It was instructive and profitable, and was closed with an effective recitation by Mrs. G. Jackson. By request this was repeated on the Mission Band evening.

The second calling of the roll gave the number of delegates present as 139, with thirty visitors from surrounding towns.

On Wednesday evening a crowded audience assembled to hear Miss Wintermute, lately returned from Japan.

The Rev. J. S. Ross, pastor of the church, occupied the chair, and introduced Miss Wintermute in appropriate terms.

Miss Wintermute is a graceful and fluent speaker, and won her audience with her unaffected descriptions of Japanese life, dwelling specially on our progress in the schools. The W.M.S. has done good work among the Japanese women and girls in Tokio, Shizuoka, and Kofu.

The Organizers followed with reports of work done in their respective Conferences: Niagara, Mrs. Jackson; Guelph, Mrs. Scarff; London, Mrs. Wright. Faithful work had been done by the District Organizers, resulting in the formation of some Auxiliaries on nearly all of the districts, those yet vacant being largely missions, where we do not naturally look for openings. Still there are circuits vacant where we are waiting for open doors.

Thursday morning's session was opened with the usual routine, followed by the election of Conference Organizers as follows: London Conference, Mrs. G. Wright, London; Niagara Conference, Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Caledonia; Guelph Conference, Mrs. Scarff, Guelph.

The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports in detail, both of which were accepted. Miss Dickson, Corresponding Secretary of Mission Bands, gave her report in detail, of which the following is a summary: Number of Mission Bands, 50, an increase of four; number

of members, 1,723, a decrease of seventy-four, this decrease being accounted for by the fact that all members not paying the full fee had been struck off this year; income, \$2,098.16, sent to branch Treasurer, \$2,078.00, being an increase of \$572.31. Report adopted.

Continuing the reports of committees, the Organizers reported (1) that each District Organizer be furnished with three copies of Annual Report, twenty-five copies each of "Ten Reasons," "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," "Our Work," and Constitution, also sample copies of OUTLOOK and Treasurers' blanks. (2) That the duties of an organizer be to organize in new fields as quickly as possible, keep in communication with all Auxiliaries and Circles on District, particularly the new ones, and hold District Conventions, and arrange for public meetings when desirable. (3) Committee recommend the advisability of the District Organizer or some other person appointed by her, appearing at the May District Meeting on the second day to present the claims of our Society, its aims and objects, to ministers and laymen there convened. Report adopted.

Invitations for the next Annual Meeting being called for, Listowel, Milton, Centenary church, Hamilton, and Strathroy responded. The vote selected Listowel.

Thursday afternoon opened with a consecration service led by Mrs. Jackson. A number of ladies took part, giving cheerful testimony to the value of this missionary work in advancing spiritual life both in their own hearts and in the Church generally.

The report of Mission Band Committee followed, read by Miss Daly:

1. Where two Bands send their money through the Auxiliary Treasurer, neither Band having a membership entitling them to a delegate, they be allowed to combine their membership and send one delegate, and if one Band has more than a sufficient membership to admit of sending a delegate, they should be allowed to add the surplus number of members to the Band having an insufficient number, so that they may have the advantage of being represented at the branch meeting.

2. That the Organizers give particular attention this year to the organization of Mission Circles and Bands, and that they should be provided with aids to their work in the form of suitable Mission Band literature.

3. That Mission Circles and Bands be provided with annual cards similar to those of last year instead of using blank forms as used by other M. B. Cor.-Secretaries.

4. That as Circles and Bands are usually formed of those inexperienced in the work, it has been thought that the cultivation of a closer relationship between the older and younger workers in the same church would tend to encourage the latter and to prevent many of the mistakes made by them in the reports of their year's work; we therefore recommend that Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands in their localities arrange for an interchange of friendly visits at least twice in the year, and that at the conclusion of the year's work two officers from the Auxiliary be appointed to confer with the Sec. and Treas. of the Band concerning the report sent the M. B. Cor.-Sec. Report accepted.

A conference of Mission Circles and Auxiliaries followed, led by Mrs. Burns who divided this exercise into three parts: How to make Auxiliary meetings interesting; How to increase attendance; How to sustain country Auxiliaries.

Under these heads were the following suggestions: Visiting committees, Personal Work for the Lord Committee, "at homes" at houses of members, distribute leaflets, missionary prayer-meetings, make use of your young people, etc. Mrs. Mason, of Muncney, told very affectively of an Auxiliary composed of seven Indian women who had raised \$20 last year.

The question drawer in charge of Mesdames Sutherland

and Gardner elicited much useful information for workers. Some of the questions could have been answered by the querists referring to the report. At this point Mrs. Burns vacated the chair, Rev. Mr. Ross taking her place. Balloting for officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Fowler, London; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson, London; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Phelps, Mt. Pleasant; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, London; Treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Galt; Corresponding Secretary Mission Bands, Miss Bertha Dickson, London. Representatives to Annual Conferences: London Conference, Mrs. Dr. Burns, St. Thomas; Guelph Conference, Mrs. McMechan, London; Niagara Conference, Mrs. Phelps, Mt. Pleasant.

The scrutineers reported at the evening meeting the following names as elected to attend the General Board meeting in Brantford: Mesdames Jackson, Sutherland, Dickson, Wright, Fowler, Williams, Phelps, Scarff, Mills; alternates, McMechan, Rosebrugh.

The Mission Band evening was most successful and enthusiastic. Several new features were introduced, including a tourist's letter, in which five ladies and gentlemen went on an imaginary journey to China, the object being to impart missionary information in a popular manner. The audience appeared pleased with the efforts made in this direction; Miss Daly, of London, contributed two numbers, one a Chinese melody which "brought down the house."

The Prize Banner given for the largest percentage of increase was awarded to the Band of Grace Church, St. Thomas, Mrs. J. G. Scott, the President, coming forward to receive it at the hands of Mrs. Burns, and replying gracefully.

The usual votes of thanks closed a very successful meeting. The Woodstock friends were most assiduous for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, the interest manifested all through was very cheering, and the influence will, we trust, continue to be a benediction both to hosts and guests during the coming year. Collections to the amount of \$60 were taken up at the three evening sessions.

We would make special mention of the kindness of the pastor, Rev. J. S. Ross, who was in constant attendance, and who gave time and thought to "help those women who laboured, we trust, in the Lord.

ANNIE G. McMECHAN, *Recording Secretary.*

#### THE EASTERN BRANCH.

THE ninth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, opened October 5th, 1892, in the Methodist Church, Winchester, at 9.30 a.m. Mrs. W. E. Ross, President, in the chair.

After the opening devotional exercises, the roll was called and forty-six delegates answered to their names, others arrived later making the number fifty-six in all. A large number of visitors also attended the meeting. Reports from forty-two Auxiliaries were read, in most cases showing an increased interest in the work, and a determination to make the coming year a more successful one for missions. Several questions relative to the working of Auxiliaries and Bands were answered by Mrs. McRossie, and elicited much information.

In the afternoon the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. S. J. Hughes, after which the President gave her annual address, in which she reviewed the work in the various mission fields, and referred very feelingly to those of our members who have passed over to the other shore during the year. She expressed pleasure at meeting such a large number of delegates, and advised us to avail ourselves of

all Missionary literature and information within our reach, and above all to realize our individual responsibility, and to pray fervently for the prosperity of the work in all its branches.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, then gave her report, showing an increase of 11 new Auxiliaries, making 71 in all with a membership of 1,750, being an increase of 317 members for the year; 54 of these are life members; 613 monthly and 76 public meetings were held during the year.

The Treasurer, Mrs. McRossie, was very glad to report an increase of \$645.42. The cash receipts for this year being \$4,677.21.

The Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Bailey, reported 17 Bands with 459 members. They raised during the year \$903.68.

The testimony and consecration meeting presided over by Mrs. Bigelow, was one of great solemnity, and will not soon be forgotten by those present.

Mrs. Mavity read an excellent paper on "What can I do for the success of my Auxiliary," making several very good points.

At the public meeting at which Mrs. Ross presided, a very hearty address of welcome was read by Mrs. Palmer and responded to by Mrs. Kines. The choir rendered several choice selections during the evening, and Mrs. Craig sang very effectively a solo entitled, "Only Christ." Miss Hannah Lund gave a very interesting address on her work in Japan, which was listened to with great interest by the large audience present. The Rev. Mr. Brown opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Scott presented greetings from the Presbyterian Church to the Methodist ladies then in session, and also gave us a short report of their work in Winchester, which was quite interesting.

The report of French Institute, read by Miss Miller, was very cheering. There are forty-two girls on the roll. The average attendance better than last year and spiritually in a very hopeful condition.

The report of Bible Women and day schools, as read by Mrs. Torrence, was very encouraging.

A very pleasing paper by Miss Hunter on, "What can I do for my Mission Band," and an excellent address on, "What entertainment is best for a Missionary Social," by Mrs. Sawyer, gave so much satisfaction that it was specially requested that both be printed in the OUTLOOK.

The duties of Corresponding Secretaries of Auxiliaries were so clearly defined by Mrs. Williams, that it is hoped they will be more prompt and exact in their work next year, and in this way lessen her labor as branch Corresponding Secretary.

The duties of Auxiliary Treasurers was explained by Mrs. McRossie, and if attended to will very much facilitate the labors of Branch Treasurer.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Montreal; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Kines, Carleton Place; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Gananoque; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Montreal; Treasurer, Mrs. E. McRossie, Kingston; Corresponding Secretary Mission Bands, Miss Effie Bailey, Iroquois.

Delegates to the Mission Board: Mrs. Skinner, Ottawa; Mrs. McRossie, Kingston; Mrs. Sawyer, Montreal; Mrs. Atkinson, Gananoque. And Mrs. Lloyd, Ottawa; Mrs. Bigelow, Aultsville, as alternates.

An invitation to Brockville for the next meeting of the Branch was accepted.

A most hearty vote of thanks to those who so very

cordially entertained us, to the choir and the trustees of the church, was carried by a standing vote.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction by the President.

J. ATKINSON, *Rec.-Sec.*

#### THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

THE tenth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch convened at Amherst, Oct. 6. A pleasant preliminary was a reception given on the evening of Tuesday, 5th inst., by the ladies of the congregation. Brightly lighted rooms, expected and unexpected greetings, flowers, music and dainty refreshments, are a memory of the guests of the occasion. A cordial address of welcome given by Miss Travis, and supplemented by pleasant remarks from the pastor, Rev. J. Strothard, was responded to by the Branch President, Mrs. D. F. MacCoy.

On behalf of the Branch, Mrs. (Rev.) T. D. Hart presented Miss Cunningham, our Missionary on furlough from Japan, with a framed and illuminated expression of esteem, as a souvenir of her home coming.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6th, fifty-four officers and delegates responded to the roll call, at the closing session the entire number reported present.

Deep regret was felt at the absence of our beloved and efficient Branch Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray. Touching expressions of sympathy in her recent bereavement through the death of her honoured father shewed that "if one member suffers all the members suffer."

There was throughout the sessions a close attention to business, with a rich spiritual influence. Reports from Auxiliaries shewed regular and systematic effort. A noticeable feature of the year's reports, was the character of those from the Mission Bands. A strong and intelligent interest in Missions is being developed in the young people of the church, while in many instances the Bands are centres of spiritual power.

On Wednesday afternoon the President's address gave a comprehensive survey of the year, with its lights and shades, both at home and on the Mission field.

The Corresponding Secretary's statement was as follows: Auxiliaries 52, increase 5; Mission Bands 37, increase 7; annual members 1,119, increase 45; life members 77, increase 9; Mission Band members 634; total income \$4,048.68, an increase of \$278 over last year; copies of OUTLOOK taken 401; mite boxes used 389.

Easter offerings had been a success. The adoption of Easter services of a Missionary character was recommended to all the Auxiliaries. Mrs. Whiston reported an improvement in the character of Auxiliary work generally.

An original paper on methods of Auxiliary work was brought before the Branch by Mrs. (Rev.) R. B. Mack. By request this paper will be printed for circulation.

The annual public meeting was held on Thursday evening, the President of the Branch in the chair. Mrs. MacCoy's address told what Christian women have done in spreading the knowledge of Jesus, and what they have neglected to do. It is *not* "my people do not know," but "my people do not consider." She gave a broad view of the condition of women throughout the world, from the millions of child-widows in India, to the toiling mothers in the red man's wigwam, and shewed in telling words what it is *not* to be interested in the Saviour's plan for the world's redemption. The Corresponding Secretary gave a rapid sketch of the work from her standpoint.

Each year has its individuality. This year had brought reverses and fears, yet the summary shewed advance. Touching at the various points of interest, the climax thought was

that of the new French Institute, with its four hundred students; a beacon light in a desert of darkness. Miss Cunningham gave graphic experience of her five years' work and intense interest was shewn by the audience, as her narrative made apparant how much remains to be done in the closely populated cities of Japan.

Thursday evening was "Mission Band evening." A very interesting meeting under the auspices of the Bands was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mission Band Secretary. Her address contained a strong plea for the children. This is the children's age. We were urged in the words of Carey to "attempt great things for God, to expect great things from God." This was followed by a suggestive paper prepared by Miss Bell, of Reaper's M. Circle, Halifax North, founded on clause 2 of constitution: "The object of Mission Bands shall be primarily to develop a Missionary spirit, and secondly to raise money for the heathen." Miss Cunningham again talked of Japan, appearing in native costume.

On both occasions excellent music was furnished by the choir. The pastor and other ministerial brethren were present, and both at public meetings and afternoon sessions rendered assistance.

Election of officers, etc., resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. F. MacCoy; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) A. S. Tuttle; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Gee; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) R. B. Mack; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Whiston; Recording Secretary, Miss Belle Wiswell; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ray; Auditor, Miss Louisa Ray; Band Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Smith; Superintendent of District Convention for Cape Breton, Miss Mary Burns; Conference Representative, Mrs. C. H. Whitman; Delegate to Board Meeting, Mrs. Mack; Alternate, Mrs. Gee.

The consecration service led by Mrs. (Rev.) J. Rodgers, was an hour rich in blessing. Youth and age testified to the sweetness of the gift of God in Christ Jesus. All hearts were touched when one of the delegates who had heard the Master's call responded at this service, "send me." Her name will be placed on the list of reserve. Thus closed one of the most inspiring and helpful meetings of the Nova Scotia Branch. Four invitations for next year were considered. Decision given for Hillsburg.

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#### FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

FREELTON.—Our Auxiliary is trying, as a means of missionary instruction, the holding of public meetings about once a quarter. In June, 1891, in Freelton church, Rev. W. H. Harvey, of Guelph; in November, at Mountsberg, Mrs. Dickson, of London; in February, 1892, at Brock Road, Mrs. McMechan, of London; and last July, at Freelton, Miss Annie Whitfield, of Dundas, lately returned from Africa, gave earnest and interesting addresses on different phases of the subject, to large audiences, except in the February meeting, which took place at a cold, stormy time, with bad roads. Miss Whitfield had the additional influence of personal contact with the work. Other exercises were added on different occasions.

MRS. J. S. COLEMAN, *Cor. Sec.*

HAMILTON (Zion Tabernacle).—The past year has not been a prosperous year in our Auxiliary financially, or in regard to members. During the winter so much sickness prevailed in our midst, and we have not been able to hold our meetings in the church, but at the parsonage, principally, that we have found it difficult to get our members out. We are building a new school room and comfortable class rooms, and in another month we expect to be more settled

and will hold our regular meetings in the class rooms. We also found it almost impossible to raise money for our Auxiliary on account of our building, therefore we are sorry to report a decrease. Although the day of our annual meeting was very wet and unpleasant, we had a fair attendance. Our President, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Clark, invited us to a social tea at the parsonage. The programme was good and we felt encouraged to work more than ever for the missionary cause. The meeting was decidedly the best of the year. We thank our Heavenly Father for His kind care over us individually. Although sickness has been in our midst, God has spared us all; our circle has not been broken. While we thank Him for the past we pray for more of the missionary spirit, and that as individuals we may be so filled with the love of Jesus and love for souls, that we may be willing to do or be anything so as to send the light of Jesus to those who know Him not and are hungering and thirsting for the bread of life.

MRS. ANDREW WATSON, *Cor. Sec.*

IVANHOE.—Since it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved Sister Martin, we record our deep sense of loss to our infant society. We miss her pleasant face, her cheery voice and ready hand, and pray God her mantle may fall on some others, and while we bow in submission to heaven's behest we would express our sympathy with those upon whom the stroke falls heaviest and pray that sustaining grace may be given to each of them.

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FRANKLIN CENTRE.—As stated in the February OUTLOOK, our Auxiliary was organized in November, 1891, and we are still trying to do what we can for the Master. Our monthly meetings are well attended. Our membership numbers fourteen now, but we feel that God will increase our number, and bless us in this good work. We still continue to work "in His name," and feel that our interest in the missionary cause is increasing. We take twelve copies of the OUTLOOK, and find it interesting and helpful. May our kind Father, who has dealt so bountifully with us, still uphold our hands in well doing.

C. S. MANNING, *Cor. Sec.*

SMITH'S FALLS.—We are grateful to be able to report that under the Divine blessing the past year has been a prosperous one in our history. Our little Mission Band in connection with our Auxiliary has aided us greatly, and though very young seems alive to the grand opportunities for engaging in this labor of love for Christ. Our meetings are seasons of special interest and profit. One of our members gave an At-Home in November, and we held a public meeting in June, the programme at each meeting being of such merit as to give new interest and zest to our missionary efforts. Our net income has been \$94. We are planning for an At-Home in September, at which meeting our mite boxes will be opened. We thank God for our success and take courage.

H. GRAHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

MUNCEY (Indian Auxiliary).—This Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. A. Wood and Mrs. Risdon, of St. Thomas, just a year ago. Our present membership is seven. With thanks to God we report the success which has attended our first year's work. The Indian women are glad to have the privilege to do a little for Jesus. Our meetings are very interesting, and we believe will be a blessing to us all. We have raised by work, and members' fees, the sum of \$20, and sent to Treasurer. E. M. Mason, Pres.; N. Miskokomon, Vice-Pres.; P. Miskokomon, Sec.

E. HAYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

WESTMINSTER.—In reviewing the year's work we are glad to be able to report very satisfactory progress. We realize that to do effective work, we must become interested in it, and the success of the year can be attributed to the fact that each officer and member have been thoroughly alive to the work; also pleased to note the harmony that has prevailed since organizing two years ago. The funds of the society have been raised by membership fees, voluntary contributions, mite boxes, and one public meeting at which Rev. Mr. Boyd, of London, gave a very interesting address, the choir of North St. Church furnishing the music. Amount raised during the year, \$85.22. Amount sent away to Branch Treasurer, \$82.24. The society has sustained a loss in the removal of our President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Ford. We will miss her encouraging presence and assistance, and as a token of our appreciation of her interest in the Society presented her with a certificate of life membership. Ladies appointed by the society secured forty-eight subscribers for the OUTLOOK.

MRS. WESLEY SMITH, *Cor. Sec.*

GRIMSBY.—Our Auxiliary has been steadily progressing during the past year; although we have not increased much in numbers, yet the interest taken by our members in missionary work is much greater than heretofore. Our President has taken pains to make our monthly meeting interesting, as well as profitable, and has tried to make us active, working members. We all take the Leaflets and a good many take the OUTLOOK. We prepared our first box of goods (for distribution among the Indians) last Christmas, and I feel assured it will not be our last work of that kind, for we felt it to be a privilege to do something for Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

M. METCALFE, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—At our annual meeting, held on the 15th, the following officers were elected:—Mrs. Hadley, President; Mrs. Snook, Vice-President; Miss Metcalfe, Rec.-Secretary; Mrs. Annis, Corresponding-Secretary; Mrs. McKeough, Treasurer. Mrs. Gardiner was appointed delegate to the Annual Convention. A public meeting was held in the evening, at which Mrs. Hadley presided with her accustomed ability. Miss Metcalfe gave an encouraging report of progress during the year in both the membership and the finances of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Annis read a paper on the general work of the Society. Reports were also given from the Mission Band, the Cadets and from other churches. These, with a special programme of music and an address by the pastor, made an enjoyable and profitable evening.

LOUISE ANNIS, *Cor. Sec.*

ALLISTON.—On May 4th an Auxiliary was organized in Alliston Methodist Church by Mrs. T. Dunlop, with a membership of eleven. President, Mrs. T. Dunlop; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Fisher; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. J. Clark; Treasurer, Miss M. Fletcher. Our next meeting will be held in Lecture Room of Church, Saturday afternoon, June 4th. We trust other ladies of the congregation will unite heart and hand in this cause, and that much good may be done.

L. J. CLARK, *Cor. Sec.*

NORWICH.—At our annual meeting in September we decided to hold an "At Home" in the parsonage on the 28th of the same month. Written invitations were sent to every lady member of the Church, which were nearly all accepted, and a very pleasant evening spent. Tea was served from six until eight o'clock, after which we had

readings and recitations, interspersed with music, all of a missionary character. The "Scattered Helpers" theme was introduced and explained, and one of our members read the leaflet, "Why we did not Disband," which, we could see, touched more than one heart. One lady said: "I have been thinking of joining your Society for some time; you may take my name;" another, "Well, I have no excuse left now after hearing that; I guess you had better put my name down"—and so on, one after another, until we added eleven names to our membership and two "Scattered Helpers." We were so pleased, and felt well repaid for our efforts. But better still, our next monthly meeting showed that the interest awakened that evening was bearing fruit; the attendance was more than doubled, several of our old members whose faces we seldom see at our meetings were there, and quite a few of the new ones. We had a very interesting meeting that afternoon; our delegate to Branch meeting gave us a very complete report of the Convention; and we were also glad to welcome Mrs. Scarff, Organizer for Guelph Conference, who, after a few words of greeting, encouraged us in a little talk on Auxiliary work, and answered several questions relating to Women's Missionary Work. We do thank God and take courage. SARAH BATTY, *Cor. Sec.*

GUELPH (Dublin St.).—Our Auxiliary has commenced with bright prospects for another year's work. During the past year we have had an increase in our membership of nine, and one life member. Our "Mission Circle" has done good work and is still flourishing. Still, we regret the indifference of some for the work who should be with us. For these we are praying, that they may see the duty they are neglecting, and that their names may soon be added to our lists. Then, with increased numbers and God's never failing help, we will be strong to work and pray and do greater work in this grand cause for our loving Saviour.

T. J. KER, *Cor. Sec.*

CASTLETON.—During the past year the Lord has blessed and prospered us greatly. We have several new members, and a large increase in money. We held three public meetings with good results, especially the last one, at which Mrs. Wilson, of Warkworth, gave us an earnest address. We sent a missionary box last winter, and are preparing another now. Our monthly meetings are well attended, and the interest is increasing.

MARY RICHARDS, *Cor. Sec.*

OTTAWA (Dominion Church).—Our annual meeting is just over, and we are grateful as we look back over the year at the measure of success which has been granted us. During the year we have raised \$259.74, besides sending a bale to the McDougal Orphanage valued at about \$175.00. In February we had a lecture from Dr. Benson, from which we realized \$48.25. In March we sent the bale to the McDougal Orphanage. In April we had our Easter thank-offering, at which Mrs. Dr. Edwards gave an earnest address on "Thank-offerings," which was not only helpful to those whose hearts were already full of the desire to help our Master's cause with purse, and heart, and brain; but was specially so those who did not always recognize their privilege in giving. In June we made our President, Mrs. Dr. Ryckman, a life member. Our Branch Corresponding Secretary reported less than 2,000 members, with over 10,000 Methodist women in our churches. Sisters, we want the other 8,000; let us pledge ourselves to secure them within the next year or two. Our membership is now seventy-nine, being an increase of nineteen, including two life members. We are glad to report a deep and growing interest in the

work. Let us but continue in His name to sow the seed, and we have the promise that He will surely send the increase. Amount remitted to Branch Treasurer, \$177.12.

EMELINE THOMSON, *Cor. Sec.*

TORONTO JUNCTION.—Our Auxiliary is steadily progressing. In the past year we have held eleven monthly meetings and two quarterly prayer-meetings, realizing from collections, \$8.96; from mite boxes, \$14.85. Have sent to Branch, \$83.79. We have lost by removal six of our members, but have secured six new ones and one new life member, leaving us twenty-nine yearly and three life members. We have also secured eighteen "Scattered Helpers." Our officials were all re-elected, with Mrs. Hepinstall still as President. We propose organizing a Mission Band during the coming year.

MRS. W. W. ROSEBUSH, *Cor. Sec.*

TEESWATER.—Our annual meeting was held on the 5th inst., and we feel that, even if only our first year, a spirit of work has been stirred, and our hearts moved in the Mission cause as never before. Our membership is now 20, 24 being the original number. Death removed one member, Mrs. Ira Fulford, and three others have left the village. We hope soon to have more names. We have taken Parry Island for our field of work. One box of clothing, valued at \$30, was sent last February, and we intend to send another shortly to Rev. Allan Salt, for that mission. While all fields of work are of great interest, we feel that our own Indians ask for special help, and we are warmly interested in them. We collected, outside of the Auxiliary work, from friends, \$13 to help the Henry Inlet Church in building. After our annual meeting, an open meeting was held in the evening, the Baptist and Presbyterian Auxiliaries being invited. A very pleasant time was spent, the different ministers giving short addresses, and letters, etc., being read. We trust that our next year will be a blessed one in spirit and work.

MRS. J. J. STEPHENS, *Cor. Sec.*

BARTONVILLE.—A Women's Missionary Society was organized in the Methodist Church in this place by Mrs. Stoney, assisted by myself, on Sept. 1st, with a membership of twelve. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Bowe; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Fox; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Crosthwaite; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Freeburne; Cor. Sec., L. D. Crosthwaite; Treasurer, Miss C. Evans. This Auxiliary to meet the first Wednesday in every month.

Mrs. H., *Dist. Organizer.*

STONEY CREEK.—We had a pleasant gathering in the Methodist Church on the evening of Sept. 19th; our pastor in the chair. Good singing, appropriate readings. The report of the year's work was also read by the Secretary, which is encouraging to the Auxiliary and all interested in this great work. Miss Whitfield, of Dundas, the returned missionary from Africa, engaged in Bishop Taylor's work, gave us a most interesting address on her work, and condition of the people there. Rev. C. Bowlby also gave a short address. The attendance was good. Collection in behalf of Miss Whitfield's work amounted to \$12.

C. S. H., *Pres.*

SIDNEY.—Our Auxiliary held an open meeting at Wall-bridge, on Sunday evening, August 7th, which was largely attended; an interesting programme was creditably rendered and a liberal collection taken. We are grateful to say that our Auxiliary has greatly increased in numbers and influence. Four years ago we commenced with nineteen members, and ever since that time we have been moving steadily forward.

Last year we reported sixty-one members and the addition of twenty new ones this year certainly indicates a growing interest in this blessed cause. Our monthly meetings are characterized by a spirit of harmony and devotion to the work of the Master. Twenty-one of our members take the **OUTLOOK**, and fifty-five copies of the "Missionary Leaflet" are distributed. Altogether we feel encouraged and we are looking hopefully and prayerfully to the future.

S. R. L., *Cor. Sec.*

**BRANTFORD** (Colborne Street).—It is with sincere sorrow that I have to report the death, on Aug. 22nd, of our late President, Miss Cooley. A few months ago when she resigned her connection with our Society and removed with her brother, Rev. Mr. Cooley, to Tilsonburg, we bade good-bye to her with regret, but still with fond anticipations of many happy reunions in the near future. We knew her heart was in the work, and although not actively engaged with us, wherever she went she would always labor for the cause of missions. When the news came to us of her severe illness and death, we could scarcely realize the dread message was true, for so short a time had elapsed since we parted from her full of hope for the future and plans for the extension of our work. We feel that we have lost a dear and loving friend, and the cause a willing worker. She was connected with our Society for three years, during two of which she filled the office of President. We ever found her a faithful and earnest worker; she loved the work and nothing was allowed to interfere with the duties of her office. Surely she has earned the Master's encomium, "She hath done what she could." While we grieve for her we know that our loss is her everlasting gain, and that she has gone to enjoy the reward laid up for those who love Him.

MRS. J. E. BAKER, *Cor. Sec.*

**CAMPBELLTON, N.B.**—As an Auxiliary we cannot report large increase of members, but we still have the faithful few. God has blessed us in the past, and we begin another year with renewed hope, thankful that He has permitted us to be co-workers with Him. Have recently held a successful public meeting in the church, from which we look for good results. We are making an effort to increase our members by using "Scattered Helpers" cards. L. C., *Cor. Sec.*

**NORTH GOWER.**—This Auxiliary was organized on Dec. 3rd. Our pastor, Rev. E. M. Crane, who is thoroughly in sympathy with the work of the Missionary Society, was present and gave us words of cheer and encouragement. We are pleased to report a membership of seventeen. We are praying for a fuller consecration of the work. Officers: Mrs. Crane, President; Mrs. Wallace, 1st Vice-President; Miss Brownlee, 2nd Vice President; Miss Rutledge, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Magee, *Cor. Sec.*; Mrs. Harkness, *Treas.*

MRS. JAS. MAGEE, *Cor. Sec.*

#### FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

**ST. THOMAS** (First Methodist Church).—The Light Bearers Mission Band held their third annual meeting, September 7th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Winnie Graham (re-elected); Recording Secretary, Lottie Wegg; Corresponding Secretary, Mabel Orchard; Treasurer, Edna Bevitt; Pianist, Lulu Martin; Editress, Alice Brown; Lookout Committee, Hattie Benson, May Pavey and Maud May. We have a membership of twenty-nine, which is an increase of four over last year's. Our meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and they are generally well attended, our average for the year being twelve.

In November a pair of blankets and a quilt, made by the Band, were sent to the French Mission School at Montreal. We expect to complete another shortly to be forwarded to the Coqualeetza Home, at Chilliwack, so sadly in need of donations of the kind.

Our Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$47.60, being \$7.21 in advance of last year. We must not fail to make special mention of the efforts of our five-year-old member, Edie Atkin, who collected \$1.65 in her mite box. Though we have not as large a sum as we would wish, yet we look upon it with great satisfaction, for we know, like the "five loaves and two fishes," small things become a great power for good when blessed by our Saviour.

MABEL ORCHARD, *Cor. Sec.*

**MALLORYTOWN.**—On July 10th, we organized a Mission Band with twenty-one members. Since then our number has increased to thirty-nine. Our officers are changed every quarter so as to give different persons experience in such work. C. W. Service took up North-West missions with us the first quarter and we found them very interesting. At the end of the quarter we held a public meeting at which we gathered in envelopes from the members containing 5c., any more that they earned was put into our missionary box. The leader went over the quarter's work briefly with the children. All present were delighted with the success of our Band. This quarter the Misses Avery who were appointed leaders took up the British Columbia missions and will take up the French missions and others which we hope will be very interesting.

KETHA W. SERVICE, *Sec.*

**WILSONVILLE.**—The Mission Band in this place held a very successful open meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12th. An excellent programme was provided, consisting of readings, recitations, music, dialogues, etc. Rev. W. C. Watson, pastor, occupied the chair, and by his cheerful comments did much to add to the interest of the meeting. The church was filled and the collection amounted to \$8.60.

C. SKINNER, *Cor. Sec.*

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