

man's service in the cause of God and humanity do not relinquish the old principles, but we have added the new. The world is the parish of every Christian man or woman, and of woman as well as of man. The commission is to every disciple of Jesus. And the responsibility to use even the "one" talent in His service is unquestioned, in whatever direction that talent can be utilized, and without any question of the sex of its owner.

It is worthy of remark here that our blessed Lord never but once, so far as is recorded, reproved a woman. Gentle as that reproof was, it was addressed to Martha, whose chief anxiety seemed to centre in the home and its hospitality. The commendation was given to Mary, who had chosen that "good part" which shall not be taken away from her.

Uniting fervently in the prayer-topic, let us also work out patiently our principles. Let us live them, broadly, charitably, generously, that the influence of our conduct and work may exemplify our own sense of the extent of our responsibility—that so winning the listless, we shall help to answer the prayers we offer.

"How much owest thou?" Who can answer that question, considered in its application to the benefits bestowed upon us by our holy Christianity?

And yet, does there come to any individual, to any home, any good thing for which, generally speaking, so slight a financial obligation is acknowledged? Who could make a sum of the blessings which the institution of the Christian Church has conferred upon the world? upon a single community? upon a congregation? upon a home? And yet, of all the demands upon the money of Christians, is it not actually the trifling sums, the "spare" coins that won't be missed, that too frequently make up the offering? Why, the drink bills of the Christian nations exceed all their outlay for schools, colleges, churches, charities, and missions put together. Many Church members spend more on a party in one night than they give for the Gospel in a whole year!

How much *owest* thou? If we acknowledge a debt we are in honor bound to pay it. If we acknowledge a debt to the Gospel for benefits and blessings, we may, from a sense of honor, aim to pay it "according as God hath prospered us," more easily, perhaps, than by regarding it a mere liberality or generosity. "Be just before you are generous." If only Christians would believe that they are stewards of God's bounty, Churches might devote their efforts to their legitimate work, without entering into competition with restaurant and amusement enterprises for the purpose of paying their way.

We W. M. S. women, as members of our several Churches, may do something toward this desirable consummation by private influence and example.

For such a spirit of consecration of money to God, and such a recognition of the justice of the claims of the Gospel as a just debt, may we pray and work, that fairs, suppers, festivals, and bazaars may pass out of the realm of "Church work" forever. May we help to bring the dawn of that blessed day!

## Chat with the Editor.

THE story of last year's work is told by the reports presented at the annual meetings. Let every member read them through. If you have a public meeting coming on, why not read some of these reports? If not, why not ask leave of your pastor to present the record of our General Board as given in this number? Try thus to keep your congregation in touch with the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. Hundreds of women in our home churches have never been in Board meetings—probably never will. Let the Auxiliaries endeavor thus to supplement their loss, and win their sympathies.

PRESSURE on our space makes it imprudent for us to prolong a chat this month, but we cannot refrain from acknowledging the kind and sympathetic resolution of the Board received through our Corresponding Secretary, and published in the report of proceedings. Every interest of the work is dear to us, and the desire to promote its success and especially to be helpful to its workers is our dominating principle and any testimony of satisfaction on this line is warmly appreciated. But the success of the whole is made up of the successes of individual workers from the officers down to the smallest worker, each one in her place, according to her opportunity—and fidelity to opportunity is the great motor power after all. If the opportunity enjoyed by the Editor of this department has been productive of some of the good aimed at, we may well rejoice. To make it all it may become requires the kind co-operation of our membership, and this we earnestly and cordially invite. Do not disappoint us!

## Our Missionary Calendar for 1894.

THE Literature Committee has issued a Missionary Calendar for 1894. It has been compiled by Mrs. Walker, of Glencoe, Ont., at the cost of much labor and time.

In addition to the new subjects for prayer for each month, and the birthdays of our missionaries, there is an item or text for every day of the year.

The title-page on which is a handsome monogram, is printed in red, blue and gold, and our Society's badge—a star encircling the world—finds a place upon it in gold.

In order to bring it within the reach of every member of our Society, the Board has set the price at the very low sum of 15 cents a copy, \$1.80 a dozen. Orders and remittances to be sent to

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Toronto, Ont.

## Official Report of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in Dominion Church, Ottawa, beginning on Tuesday, October 17th, and continuing the three following days.

There were present: Mrs. Gooderham, President, in the chair; Mesdames Carman, Vice-Pres.; Strachan, Cor. Sec.; Willmott, Rec. Sec.; Burns, St. Thomas; Cunningham, Guelph; T. W. Jackson, Caledonia; G. Wright, London S.; R. T. Williams, Galt; Gayfer, Hamilton; McMechan, London; Fowler, London; Sarff, Guelph; Phelps, Mohawk; Carson, Listowel; J. A. Williams, Briggs, McKay, Langford; D. G. Sutherland, Locke, and Miss Ogden, Toronto; Mesdames G. Browne, Maple; Kendry, Peterboro'; J. C.

Wilson, Warkworth; Campbell, Atherley; Whiston, Halifax; Brownrigg, Bridgewater, N.S.; W. E. Ross, T. G. Williams, B. Sawyer, Montreal; Biglow, Aultsville; Atkinson, Ganoque; Mavety, Ottawa; Ryckman, Coaticook; H. Sprague, S. Howard, Hampton, N.B.; and Miss Palmer, St. John, N. B.

Returned missionaries: Miss Munro, Peterboro'; Miss Preston, Mount Pleasant.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the President, who then gave her annual address, which was listened to with deep interest.

The report of the Cor. Sec., presented by Mrs. Strachan, stated that the Auxiliaries numbered 537, being an increase during the year of 38. The membership had risen 890, and was now 13,131. Two lady workers were now on a journey of 1,800 miles into the interior of China. In Japan four stations were being faithfully worked up to the limit of strength and opportunity by a noble band of women. The report of the French department was encouraging. Two Bible-women have been employed in Montreal, and, as in previous years, two schools in the country have been aided. The two homes and schools for Indians at Port Simpson and Chilliwack, B.C., have been maintained, and encouraging word comes from them as to progress in study and Christian character. In the Chinese home in Victoria, B.C., those in charge are doing good work in caring for those intrusted to them. The managers of the Methodist Orphanage in St. John's, Nfld., have expressed their appreciation of the aid rendered by the Society. In conclusion, the report stated that the great need seems to be more workers, both foreign and native.

In the absence, through illness, of the Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, her report was read by the Secretary. It showed the total receipts for the year to be \$37,974.16, an increase of \$2,184.26. The living interest behind these figures, every one of which tells of love, self-denial, and consecration, lifted this report above the level of mere statistics. It was adopted by a standing vote, after which the doxology was sung and prayer was offered by Mrs. W. E. Ross.

The following was carried unanimously, That we desire to convey to our absent Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, our loving sympathy with her in the illness which has deprived us of her genial presence.

Mrs. Cunningham, Guelph, read the Corresponding Secretary's report of the Western Branch. The report stated that there was an advance in every department. Twenty-two Auxiliaries and eight Mission Bands had been organized.

Mrs. Briggs, Toronto, for the Central Branch, reported a larger degree of sympathy with the work. Total number of Auxiliaries in the Branch was 150, a net increase of eleven.

Miss Palmer, in the report from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, stated that six new Auxiliaries had been formed, while two had been disbanded.

Mrs. Whiston, from the Nova Scotia Branch, referred in a feeling manner to the former President of the Branch, the late Mrs. MacCoy, and reported the formation of five new Mission Bands and two Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Williams, of the Eastern Branch, reported an increase of five Auxiliaries, sixty annual and ten life-members.

Mrs. Briggs, Secretary of the Supply Committee, reported the year as one rich in the fruitage of Christian charity, and many thanks had been tendered and prayers offered by the grateful recipients for the kindness and thoughtfulness of the members of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, who have endeavored to add to the comfort and happiness of the poor and destitute during the past year.

Mrs. Briggs referred to an incident that happened at a meeting in Toronto. When Rev. W. F. Wilson heard the report, he brought out a little red bag containing 628 cents; each one had been given by some little crippled children in the hospital. They had been given to Mr. Wilson to purchase gifts for other children not as favorably circumstanced as themselves. He gave the cents to the Supply Committee.

It was shown by the report of the Literature and Publication Committee, submitted by Mrs. McKay, that 30,000

leaflets and other publications had been issued, not including the *Missionary Letters*, which have averaged 11,000 monthly.

The financial statement of the Literature Department was presented by Miss Ogden. The thanks of the Board were accorded to Miss Ogden by a standing vote, for her faithful, painstaking and onerous work in "Room 20."

In Mrs. Parker's absence, owing to illness in the family, her report of the OUTLOOK was read by Mrs. Strachan. The following was carried unanimously: "That having received with great pleasure the excellent report of Mrs. Parker, Editor of our department in the OUTLOOK, we desire to express our appreciation of the efficient work done by her for us, and also our regret that we are deprived of her presence at our annual meeting."

The Secretary read a report from Miss Lund of work done during furlough. Miss Lund had travelled over 3,600 miles and had spoken at fifty-four public and six auxiliary meetings; collections at those meetings amounted to \$609.49. It was moved and seconded and carried by a standing vote, "That we desire to express our sympathy with Miss Lund, and to assure her that we shall hail with delight the time when her health is sufficiently established to permit her to return to Japan." The Secretary was requested to send to Miss Morgan an expression of our sincere sympathy with her in her illness, and our earnest hope that her health may soon be restored.

A kind message of interest was received from Mrs. John Ross, of Montreal. This resolution was passed: "That we desire to acknowledge the touching greetings of Mrs. Ross, and to assure her of our heartfelt sympathy with her in her present trying affliction, while we rejoice with her in the comfort of knowing that in the midst of the furnace there is walking with her 'the Son of God.'"

A donation of \$80 was received from Mrs. Roundtree, of London, for the purchase of a magic lantern for use in Japan, for which the Society expressed thanks.

Detailed reports from the mission fields were read. The following message was addressed to our missionaries:

"We, the members of this Board, desire to express to our dear fellow-workers in the different fields our deep interest in all that concerns them; our anxious solicitude when hearing of debilitated health or over-taxed powers; our sympathy when long and patiently repeated sowing apparently yields no harvest; our rejoicing over the tidings of any soul turning to the Lord, or of the growth in Christian character of those under their care; and we desire to assure them that our prayers do ascend for them that they may be guided in perplexity, encouraged when disappointed, strengthened physically and spiritually, and that their work may be prospered. May each one realize that the Lord is to her 'as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land'; then can she, to some extent, become the same to other burdened, thirsty souls."

The new building at Chilliwack is expected to be ready for occupancy about Christmas. A committee was appointed to confer with the General Society in reference to management, furnishing, etc. It was thought advisable that the General Society should assume the entire charge of the Institute, and our Society pay a proportion of the annual expense.

The McDougall Orphanage was represented as being greatly in need of increased accommodation and furnishings. The sum of \$600 appropriated conditionally last year, not being required for maintenance, was re-voted this year for equipment.

Mrs. Burns reported for the Committee on Indian Work. The Committee had ascertained that there are no laws in British Columbia by which compulsory education can be enforced, but important amendments to the Indian Act are hoped for. A grant had been obtained from Government for Port Simpson Home and School of \$600. A vote of thanks was presented to the Committee for the valuable information obtained and the faithful work done.

The interest of the meeting was increased by the new regulation of doing all committee work (except that of the Candidates Committee) in open session.

Memorials and resolutions were presented from the Branches. Resolutions adopted:

That the calendar prepared by Mrs. Walker, of Simcoe,

(a specimen page of which was shown) be accepted, subject to revision by the Literature Committee, in order to retain the birthday feature. Price to be 15 cents.

That any memorial affecting the Branch only, not entertained by the Branch meeting, shall not be forwarded to the Annual Board meeting.

That sums paid by gentlemen to Auxiliaries be entered as donations and not as membership fees, thus avoiding the confusion of active and honorary members.

That Article V., Sec. 1, of the Constitution, be amended to include as a member of the Board of Managers, *ex officio*, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Literature and Publication Department.

That the British Columbia Branch be allowed to change the date of its annual meeting to correspond with date of the British Columbia Conference.

That the Society adopt the *Palm Branch* as our Mission Band paper, that it be issued monthly. Also that the price be ten cents, and that it be ordered from Room 20, Wesley Buildings.

That the Presidents of the Toronto Auxiliaries be a committee to consider the advisability and practicability of providing "home care" for the children of missionaries sent from the missions to be educated. Mrs. D. G. Sutherland, convener.

That the question of printing the names of Auxiliary members in the Annual Report be left over till next year, and that it be brought before the Auxiliaries.

That the resolution allowing Auxiliaries one copy of the *Monthly Letter* free be rescinded.

That the Branch Secretaries write to Auxiliaries not taking the *Monthly Letter* and urge them to subscribe for it.

That the August and September *Monthly Letters* be issued together. That another edition of "An appeal to the women of the Methodist Church" be issued, and that it be free.

That a new set of books for the use of Auxiliaries be issued, leaving out the corresponding secretary's book. The proposed changes in the books to be submitted to the Executive before being published.

That the prayer card be revised and submitted to the members of the Executive in Toronto for approval.

That the treasurer's tabulated statement be discontinued, and that in future the treasurer's published reports be modelled after the treasurer's report of the Central Branch of last year. (Liberty was afterwards given those Branches desiring to do so to publish the tabulated form.)

That the order of business for monthly meetings be changed by putting "Unfinished Business" after "Reading and approval of Minutes," and substituting for "Report of Corresponding Secretary," "Correspondence."

That we do record our solemn protest against the iniquitous methods used to raise the revenue for the Anglo-Indian Government by way of the opium and liquor traffics, believing that the ruling power which makes merchandise out of its subjects is below the level of a savage nation; and also we deeply deplore the opium traffic forced upon China by the British Government, the evil effects of which are so widespread they are proving one of the most serious hindrances to the progress of missionary work in that country. Further we earnestly entreat the English Government to make the pending examination of Indian military authorities for violation of English laws in their cantonment by immoralities as searching as possible, and with consequences to offenders that they deter from such further crimes. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the British Government, signed by the President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, on behalf of the 19,000 represented.

That candidates for our work be required to pass a satisfactory examination in Biblical study, doctrines of the Methodist Church and our catechism.

That in view of the fact that a training school for Christian workers is about to be established in connection with the Deaconess' Home in Toronto, and realizing that a preliminary training would be extremely useful to those accepted as candidates of the work, each candidate be required to attend the training home such time as the Executive shall specify, taking up the course required in theology, and actively engaging in Christian work, as directed by the one

in charge of the school, the expenses of such training to be borne by the Society when necessary.

That in view of the approaching plebiscite this Board expresses its sincere hope that all women who have the right to vote will make use of their privilege in endeavoring to stamp out the iniquitous liquor traffic.

A communication was read from Japan asking that a resolution adopted three years ago, giving an increase of \$100.00 in salary after the first term of five years, be rescinded; the reason given being that the missionaries could live on \$600.00 and could not accept any more while there was such urgent need of more workers. After some discussion it was resolved, "That this Board desires to express its appreciation of the self-sacrificing action of the Council in Japan in asking that the resolution passed at their request three years ago *re* salary for agents in their second and third terms of service be rescinded and that we hereby rescind said resolution.

The report of the Committee on Candidates was given by Mrs. Burns. The Western, Central, Eastern and Nova Scotia Branches had no accepted candidates to present. On recommendation of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, Miss Alexander, of Stanhope, P.E.I., was accepted and placed on the list of reserved candidates.

Miss Leakes' resignation was accepted. The Secretary was asked to make an appeal through our periodicals for missionaries and trained nurses.

The President having learned from Dr. Gifford of her need of a native assistant, and that one was available, had authorized her employment and had paid \$50.00 to the General Treasurer for that purpose.

A letter was read from Dr. Hart, asking the co-operation of the Society in a small school which he has opened, and wishing to know if Dr. Gifford would take charge of the ward in the hospital for females. It was resolved that the Executive be empowered to act in regard to the work in China after receiving information from our missionaries.

The Executive Committee was authorized to send during the year, two missionaries to Japan and another medical missionary and a trained nurse to China.

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee were appointed to be held the third Wednesday in January and in April.

The need of perfect rest for returned missionaries being impressed on the Board, it was decided that they should work only under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Before the election of officers for the ensuing year a few moments were spent in silent prayer, after which the meeting was led in prayer by Mrs. McKay. The election was by ballot and resulted in the re-election of the former officers, viz.:

President.....	Mrs. Jas. Gooderham, Toronto.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, Belleville.
Rec.-Secretary.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Willmott, Toronto.
Cor.-Secretary.....	Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. T. Thompson, Toronto.
Editors of Departments:	
OUTLOOK.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Parker, Toronto.
<i>Wesleyan</i> .....	Mrs. Whiston, Halifax, N.S.
<i>Guardian</i> .....	Miss McGuffin, Toronto.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Whiston, Mrs. Platt and Miss McGuffin for their services in connection with the *Wesleyan*, *Onward* and *Guardian*. (Mrs. Parker had previously received a vote of thanks.)

Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Willmott were appointed to prepare the annual report—6,000 to be printed.

Mr. G. P. McKay was appointed Auditor and thanked for his services in this capacity last year.

The Supply Committee was appointed, viz., Mesdames J. A. Williams, Briggs, U. Ogden and Willmott.

The Committee on Indian Work was re-appointed, viz., Mesdames Burns, Sutherland and Cunningham.

Treasurers in the Mission fields were appointed: Japan, Mrs. Large; Port Simpson, Mrs. Redner; Chilliwack, Miss Clarke; Chinese Home, Mrs. Morrow; French work, Mrs. Torrance; China, Dr. Gifford.

Mrs. Kendry, Secretary of Central Branch, reported the division of the Branch into the Toronto Conference and Bay of Quinte Branches. The Board endorsed this action.

An invitation for next annual meeting was received from

the Auxiliaries in Pembroke, but on account of the expense involved in going so far east, it could not be accepted.

The Standing Committee on Literature and Publication was appointed as follows: To represent the Western Branch, Miss M. Callum; Toronto Conference Branch, Miss Ogden; Bay of Quinte Branch, Miss Firstbrook; Eastern Branch, Mrs. Croft; Nova Scotia, Mrs. Bascom; New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, Mrs. McKay; British Columbia Branch, Mrs. Hamilton; Separate Auxiliaries, Mrs. Willmott.

On Tuesday, a reception and tea were given the delegates, after which a public meeting was held, presided over by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Benson. A very cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. Lloyd, and gracefully responded to by Miss Palmer. Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Haskell and Miss Wood presented the greetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational Churches respectively, and an address was given by Miss Preston, a returned missionary from Japan.

On Thursday afternoon, business was suspended for an hour, which was spent in prayer, praise and testimony.

The Committee on Courtesies moved votes of thanks to the pastor, trustees, choir and press; also, "That we gratefully acknowledge the royal hospitality of the ladies of the Ottawa Auxiliaries, their thoughtfulness in according us such a cordial reception, and in making our meeting to 'blossom as the rose' by their floral tributes." This was carried by a standing vote.

A few words of cheer and encouragement were spoken by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Benson, after which he offered the closing prayer.

The following are the appropriations:

JAPAN :	
General .....	\$985 00
Tokyo Branch .....	6936 00
Shidzuoka Branch.....	2490 00
Kofu Branch.....	2660 00
Kanazawa Branch.....	2085 00
French work.....	4496 00
Port Simpson Home.....	3550 00
"    Hospital nurse.....	400 00
Chilliwack Home.....	11000 00
McDougall Orphanage (for furnishings)	600 00
Chinese Home, Victoria.....	1460 00
Newfound and Orphanage.....	500 00
Salaries of missionaries at home.....	1425 00

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

## Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada.

### PRAYER SUBJECTS FOR 1894.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt xviii. 19.

EVERY woman in the Methodist Church in Canada is invited to join in these petitions, remembering them in private devotion, at the monthly meetings and at the "hour of prayer" between five and six o'clock every Sabbath evening.

### SUBJECTS OF PRAYER.

#### JANUARY.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit that all may be led to renewed consecration to the work to which they may be called during the year. Luke iv. 18. All converts under the care of our Society that they may be strengthened by the power of God and remain steadfast in the faith (Phil. i. 3-6), especially those who cannot make a public profession

#### FEBRUARY.

Japan, Korea, and the Islands of the Sea. Psa. cxxvi. 2, 3. That God's especial blessing may rest upon every effort to christianize the people. Our educational and evangelistic work in Tokyo, Shidzuoka, Kofu and Kanazawa. Divine direction in the opening up of a new work. 1 Sam. vii. 12; Psa. ii. 8; Isa. xxiv. 15.

#### MARCH.

The Indians of our Dominion. Luke xix. 10. All efforts to elevate and christianize them. That the children in the

homes and schools may become useful to their own people. The Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland. Jam. i. 27.

#### APRIL.

Christian governments and their responsibility in relation to liquor, opium, the African slave trade, reform of social evil in India and traffic in Chinese girls on this continent. Prov. xiv. 34; Acts xxiv. 25.

#### MAY.

Chinese Empire; that the way before our missionaries may be opened up and difficulties removed. That the prayer for additional workers may be speedily answered. Our work among the Chinese on this continent. Matt. ix. 37, 38; 1 Chron. xvi. 24; Dan. xii. 3.

#### JUNE.

Missionary work in India: all efforts to elevate the suffering and down-trodden women of that land. Isa. lviii. 6.

The extension of God's kingdom in Africa. Psa. cvii. 13, 14; Isa. ii. 20.

#### JULY.

South America, Mexico and papal countries of Europe. Isa. lv. 13.

#### AUGUST.

The speedy conversion of the Jews. Jer. xxiv. 6, 7. Missionary work in Palestine and among Mohammedans.

#### SEPTEMBER.

Annual meetings of Branches and General Board. That Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands may begin the year with renewed vigor and increased membership. Those accepted as missionaries or offering for service and our agents in the field. Hos. xiv. 8; 2 Tim. ii. 15.

#### OCTOBER.

French-Canadian evangelization. The work of the Institute, the day schools and the Bible-women in Montreal. John i. 4, 5.

#### NOVEMBER.

Thanksgiving for the year's mercies. Confession of shortcomings; prayer for increase of knowledge in regard to the needs of the world, and for increased liberality in our gifts to the missionary work of the Church. 2 Cor. ix. 8, 11, 15.

#### DECEMBER.

Medical missionary and dispensary work, that through the healing of the body the soul may be touched. Dr. Bolton's work on Pacific Coast and our work in China. Heb. x. 36.

## Notice to Auxiliaries.

WITH the hope of Miss Munro's return next year to her loved work in Japan, and in order to give her a fair chance to rest, it was decided by the Board that she be not available for public work until further notice. Will friends who have already invited her to speak receive this as a reply, and excuse Miss Munro from the task of writing to each one.

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

## Missionaries Wanted.

WORKERS are needed in the Indian, Japanese and Chinese fields. Teachers are desired for the first two, and one qualified as a medical missionary for the last.

Any desiring to give themselves to this form of service for the Master will please communicate with the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which they reside, or with the undersigned.

Will not all the members of the W. M. S. join in praying, that "the Lord of the harvest may himself choose, and send forth laborers into His harvest?"

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

## Eastern Branch.

THE Tenth Annual Meeting was held in the George Street Church, Brockville, October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1893. The President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Montreal, was in the chair.

The ladies of Brockville had an excellent supper prepared and a very pleasant reception was held in the lecture room before the opening of the meeting. Very cordial words of welcome were given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Scanlan, and on behalf of the Brockville ladies by Mrs. Donaldson and replied to by Mrs. Sawyer.