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ALBERTA BRANCH

Wesley Church, Calgary, was the assembling point of the fifth annual gathering of the Alberta Branch. This year our staff of officers was reduced by the removal of two of our very efficient and energetic Vice-Presidents to the East, namely, Mrs. (Rev.) S. E. Marshall, who goes to St. Catharines, and Mrs. Ward, who has removed to Hamilton. The attendance this year was greater than at any previous gathering, sixty-two officers and delegates being present, while the members of the local Auxiliaries were most faithful in their attendance at the various sessions.

Two of our missionaries, Miss Chace, of Chipman, and Mrs. Snyder, of the Ruthenian Home, Edmonton, were in attendance, and were accorded the privileges of the Branch meeting.

The organizers' reports were followed with much interest. Mrs. Graves, of Red Deer, organized a new Auxiliary at Castor, a Mission Band at Red Deer, and reorganized the Mission Band at the Indian School. In the absence of Mrs. Marshall, her report was read by Mrs. Barner, the following new organizations being reported in Calgary—a Circle at Wesley, an Auxiliary at Crescent Heights, and a Mission Band at St. Paul's.

Mrs. Ward's report, which was presented by Mrs. Magrath, shows the following in Edmonton—Auxiliaries at Eastwood and Albany, Circles at Highlands and Carman, Bands at Norwood and Albany. Mrs. Quayle's report for Lethbridge District shows a new Auxiliary at Coaldale, and Mrs. Trimble reported a new Circle at Medicine Hat.

Mrs. Might, of Calgary, gave the address of welcome and reviewed her early relationship with the W.M.S. in the West. Her address was most cordial.

Mrs. (Dr.) Armstrong, of McDougall, Edmonton, who replied for the visitors, expressed the pleasure of all at being present and also emphasized the need of intensive local effort and individual responsibility if this work is to be made world-wide.

The report of Mrs. Magrath, Corresponding Secretary, shows that we have now two volunteer workers from our own Branch, namely, Miss Ruby Robinson and Miss Florence Stone, both of whom have been assigned to the Ruthenian work of our own province.

One Auxiliary, The Highlands, Edmonton, has more than doubled her membership during the year, increasing from 27 to 56. Medicine Hat comes second with an increase of 17, and Wesley, Lethbridge, third, with an increase of 16. McDougall, Edmonton, with her 317 members, stands first for the largest membership in the Branch, and she can boast, if she will, of the largest membership of any Auxiliary in the whole society from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In Easter offerings, Central, Calgary, leads, giving \$117.15. Wesley, Calgary, comes second with \$107.20. Metropolitan, Edmonton, third, with \$88.35.

The Highlands, Edmonton, almost tripled her contributions, showing an increase of \$362.48. Wesley, Calgary, second with an increase of \$314.70; while Bankview, Calgary, more than doubled her givings. Our Auxiliary membership now stands at 1,415, an increase of 167. The Treasurer's report shows a total revenue of \$8,187.49, an increase of \$78.73.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. (Rev.) Coone, of Edmonton, after which our President, Mrs.

Chown, gave her annual address. This was an inspiration to us all. The study of our missionary literature was strongly urged in order that we might pray and work more intelligently. Some of the needs pointed out were: 1st, More young women to offer themselves for service in the home and foreign fields; 2ndly, A new college for the education of the girls in Japan; and 3rdly, More doctors for the work in China. The address closed with an earnest appeal for the women of Alberta to rally together and quickly fulfil these requirements. A membership of 70,000 with a revenue of \$200,000 was held before us as an aim worthy of our efforts and quite possible to attain.

The Praise Service was a period of helpfulness and was conducted by Mrs. R. L. Gates of Red Deer, who based her remarks on the words of Nehemiah, "The joy of the Lord is our strength," and in a very sweet and logical way showed that faith in God and joy in His service helps to overcome physical weakness and rejuvenates His people.

The memorial service which followed was conducted by Mrs. Barner. Seven of our members have been called away during the year. Touching reference was made to the life and work of each. The passing of Mrs. Percy Sutton (nee Miss McLean) was referred to by Miss Chace, who was so familiar with the life of sacrifice she lived. For example, Miss McLean has been known to walk eight miles to keep her appointments and would face the weather when the thermometer registered fifty degrees below zero rather than allow her duties to go unfulfilled. Many of us who had the pleasure of listening to Miss McLean's address at Red Deer four years ago, and again at Edmonton, have never forgotten her wonderful personality, her lucid descriptions of life among the Ruthenians, and her loyalty and love for the people among whom she labored.

On Wednesday evening the chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Farrell, who congratulated the Society on the large measure of success attained and commended the attention given to boys and girls and the emphasis laid upon systematic and proportionate giving.

Mrs. Snyder, of the Ruthenian Home, Edmonton, gave us a splendid account of the great variety of work carried on there. For example: The care of small children, the supervision of the girls who are rooming in the Home, the sewing classes, night school and district work. Undoubtedly this institution is of untold value to the foreign-born girls who come to Edmonton. Mrs. Snyder also told us of a young Chinese girl whom she had rescued at Edmonton through her knowledge of the Chinese language.

(Concluded in the September number.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH

This meeting convened from May 5th to May 7th inclusive, in the pretty little town of Chilliwack, B.C., in the beautiful Fraser River Valley. The weather was ideal, and all nature was lovely in her new green and bright blossoms. The generous hospitality of the entertaining hostesses and their thoughtfulness for the comfort of their guests were much appreciated.

Eighty officers and delegates responded to the roll and many interested visitors journeyed to Chilliwack to be present at the Branch. The President, Mrs. Betts, presided at all the meetings with her usual ability and kept the business moving as rapidly as possible.

Reports from the various departments were gratifying, and the increase in funds over the previous year, although small, under existing circumstances, was a source of much satisfaction, the amount sent to Branch Treasurer being \$7,388.68, an increase of \$27.27, an average of \$3.55 per member. Our Branch reports forty-four Auxiliaries, with an increase of

eight last year, and an increase of members, both life and annual, throughout the Branch of 190.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary for Circles and Bands was received with enthusiasm, and demonstrated that the work among our young people and the girls and boys was being faithfully executed. Total income raised by Bands, \$1,232.40; by Circles, \$1,119.29. The Superintendent of Christian Stewardship reported great encouragement in this department. A greater increase has been made in this method of giving than ever before.

The President's address once more brought forcibly to our minds that we have put our hands to the plough and dare not turn back. Touching as she did on the work established in the different centres, both at home and abroad, and the many requests for more help and greater loyalty to the gospel cause, we felt that indeed our Branch, though small, was a necessary factor in the great whole, and that if we shirk our share it will go undone. A most enjoyable banquet was tendered the visiting delegates and friends, and at this time the addresses of welcome from Mrs. A. E. Roberts, pastor of the church, and Mr. Barber, the mayor of Chilliwack, were listened to with much pleasure. Greetings from the societies of other churches and the W.C.T.U. were also heard, and bright replies made by our talented ladies.

Dr. White, Superintendent of Indian Missions, added much to the pleasure of the Branch by giving a talk with stereopticon views of a trip on the *Thomas Crosby* to the northern waters of British Columbia, and also a motor trip through the interior of our wonderful and beautiful province.

One of the most outstanding features of our meeting was the excellent and interesting papers given by different ladies, and it was decided that efforts be made to have three of these printed, that others may receive the inspiration from them. The subjects were: "How to make the best use of our periodicals," "Practical Circle Work," and "The Successful Mission Band."

The Branch had the pleasure of visiting the Coqualeetza Institute at Sardis, three miles away, and at an evening meeting listened to the singing and playing of the Indian boys and girls with much pleasure. A difficult fancy drill was also given by the members of the Coqualeetza Mission Band.

The Secretary of Supply Work reported distributing boxes of clothing, fruit and linen for hospitals, Christmas gifts and books valued at \$977.85. Interesting reports were received of the Oriental work in Victoria from Mrs. Dever, of the Oriental Home there, and from Miss A. E. Preston, who has labored so faithfully among the Orientals of the Vancouver District. Miss Hudson, of the Crosby Girls' Home, spoke briefly and interestingly of the work in Port Simpson.

The banner and prize library were awarded to the Sunshine Band and Sherwood Circle, while the special prize of \$10 in gold to the Circle having the largest increase in life members was won by the Mt. Pleasant Circle. The "notice of motion" with reference to the by-law governing the delegation to the Board Meeting was sustained by the Branch.

Luncheon and supper were served in the church every day and rest rooms provided for the comfort of the delegates. Never have the details for our convention been more thoughtfully planned, our only regret being that the press of business continued until the last minute and a hurried supper and farewell to our kind hostesses were necessary that we might get our train for home.

The officers appointed for the year are:

President, Mrs. J. F. Betts, Vancouver, B.C.; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. F. Adams, Victoria, B.C.; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. G. D. Christie, Victoria, B.C.; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. F. B. Stacey, Chilliwack,

B.C.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Wickens, Vancouver, B.C.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Sipprell, Vancouver, B.C.; Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Derbyshire, Vancouver, B.C.; Superintendent Christian Stewardship, Mrs. M. B. Holt, Victoria, B.C.; Assistant Superintendent Christian Stewardship, Mrs. C. C. Knight, Vancouver, B.C.; Secretary-Treasurer Supply Work, Miss Alton, Vancouver, B.C.; Corresponding Secretary Circles and Bands, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, Victoria, B.C.; Auditor, Miss K. Nixon, Vancouver, B.C.; Delegate to Board, Mrs. M. B. Holt.

Missionaries' Birthday Prayer Cycle

- Aug. 2.—Miss L. Brooks, Luchow, Szechwan, China.
 Aug. 6.—Miss A. Allen, B.A., 8 Torii Zaka Azabu, Tokyo, Japan.
 Aug. 10.—Miss M. E. Addison, 520 Third Street, Edmonton, Alta.
 Aug. 11.—Miss M. J. Armstrong, Kitamaat, B.C.
 Aug. 12.—Miss H. M. Paul, Fernie, B.C.
 Aug. 14.—Miss K. Drake, on furlough.
 Aug. 22.—Miss I. M. Clarke, Kitamaat, B.C.
 Aug. 24.—Miss U. F. Steele, West China.
 Aug. 26.—Miss M. C. Scott, B.A., 12 Agata Cho, Nagano, Japan.

Our Quiz Corner

Answers in July OUTLOOK.

Give the three types of social and home life in Japan.

Which class in Dr. Burwash's judgment is likely to form an important element in the future life of Japan? Why?

Up to the present upon what class has our work centred?

Of what would a normal family in Japan in the past consist?

What rite was performed when a daughter left her father's house for that of her husband?

What status does the new civil code give the woman in Japan?

Is marriage any more binding than formerly?

When and where was Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody a guest of our Society? What is her judgment regarding our work in Tokyo?

Have you tested yourself by seeing how many of the questions sent out by a Toronto Auxiliary to which you would be willing to say?

Did you have a vision of the patience necessary to be exercised from day to day by workers in Oriental countries after reading the article beginning on page 167?

Have you made the prayer in "Fact and Comment" yours?

What advance has been made in one denomination in favor of women in Japan?

The secret of noble living, what is it said to be?

What has Miss Macdonald to say regarding Travelers' Aid work by the Y.W.C.A. in Japan?

"Mr. Jowett, the eightieth time did it!" Did what?

How many copies of the Bible were distributed among the Russian people last year?

Do you believe in and practise the "lovely impulses," or has the Bible settled the tithing question for you?

For what does Phillips Brooks plead? Are you doing so?

Do you endorse the poet's words, "The thought that leads to no action is not thought; it is dreaming"?

What are "deathless," what "live on for aye"?

Which missionary did you adopt for July? That is, to think of and pray for?