The Story of

the Years

Cobourg Presbyterial

of the

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



"Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit,'

saith the Lord of Hosts.

<center><b>ADDENDUM</b><br><br>

(NOTE)<br><br><p>

We regret the many omissions of names and events in many of

the local histories -- due to lack of information. Many records have

been lost, some by fire, some by removal of officers and failure to pass

them on to responsible members, some because of failure to realize the

importance of sending such information to the ‘Archives’.</p><<p>

We acknowledge with gratitude the co-operation of Rev. Arthur

Reynolds of the Archives, local members, and Mrs. William Gillespie,

Vernonville, who during her four years as Press Secretary (1937-41)

kept an up-to-date scrap book. Valuable information was obtained from

Report books of early days preserved by Mrs. J. W. Roberts, District

Organizer, and passed on to her niece, Florence Hall Lean, who has

been custodian of the Presbyterial Scrap Book since the passing of

Mrs. J. J. Way, Wooler, in 1952, and who has endeavored to compile

this History from the material derived from the above named sources.</p><p>

In this attempt to reproduce the great achievements of the past,

we have ever been conscious of the fact that a great army of women

are not mentioned but have contributed to the over-all success by

great devotion and loyal support. They also have served, and form a

part of that "Great multitude which no man could number".</p><p>

Also there are other chapters, which have not been written, of

the efforts of unnumbered missionaries Who have gone forth with the

"Message", representing The Woman's Missionary Society, on the Home

and Overseas Fields. Surely, "The half has not been told."</p><p>

We also acknowledge with gratitude the co-operation of Foster

M. Russell, Publisher, Mrs. H. T. Alien, and Mrs. Frank Westington.</p><br>

<p align=”right”>Sincerely, (Mrs.) FLORENCE LEAN.</p>

gratitude, to record a portion of

the thrilling history of Cobourg

Presbyterial Woman's Missionary

Society, of the United Church of

Canada, we are conscious of "be-

ing surrounded by so great a

cloud of witnesses."

‘Christian’ in ‘Pilgrim's Pro-

gress’, as he climbed the ‘Moun-

tain of Desire’, would pause and

look backward over the road he

had travelled; and it seems fit-

ting, that now we have complet-

ed our Pilgrimage as members of

the Woman's Missionary Society,

we too, pause for a backward

look.

Gaining courage and inspira-

tion, because of our reflections

on our ‘victorious’ past, we may

‘go forward’, at the command of

our great Leader and Guide, to

face a future of united effort, in

the whole Mission of the Church

and World Brotherhood.

"Joyously our thanks we offer

That through all the unfolding

years,

Thou, 0 God, hath led us for-

ward

Through successes, hopes and

fears.

Give to us a keen awareness

Of the challenge of today,

In the changing world about

us;

Help us each our part to play.

Help us build the bridge and

vision,

Cross the gulfs of race and creed,

That in peace and love united

We may meet each others need.

Joyously, we face the future,

Knowing thou’wilt be our guide,

Leading ever on and upward

Through the years, whate’er be-

tide.

Cobourg Presbyterial was so

much Methodist in background,

and so many of the Auxiliaries

had their beginning during the

early days, we cannot record our

history since Union, 1925, with-

out some reference to this, in the

<center><b>INTRODUCTION</b><br><p>

In the beginning the General Sec-

retary of the Methodist Church,

Dr. Sutherland, set in motion

influences that have revolution-

ized the thought and purposes of

the former Methodist woman,

that have proved such a blessing

to them, and through them, to

thousands of women and child-

ren in other lands.</p><p>

In 1881, "The Missionary Out-

look" began its career; the first

number appealing strongly for

the formation of Women's So-

cieties.</p><p>

This appeal met with ready res-

ponse; the women of the church

were called – ‘they did not run

before they were sent’. They owe

their existence - not to the de-

sire for prominence - but to the

urgent need of the Church for

their co-operation in the great

Missionary service.</p><p>

A similar experience must have

been the beginning of the Pres-

byterian and Congregational urge

for Women's work, for their be-

ginnings in Organized effort were

at about the same time.</p><p>

The Watchword of the Presby-

terian Society was: "The World

For Christ!" Rev. 14:6;</p><p>

That of the Congregational So-

ciety: "Whatsoever He sayeth

unto you do it."</p><p>

That of the Methodist Society:

"Not by might, nor by power, but

by my Spirit," saith the Lord of

Hosts;</p><p>

"This is the victory that over-

cometh the world - even our

faith."</p><p>

<center><b>HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY</b><p>

The United Church of Canada

Cobourg Presbyterial

"Not by might, nor by power, but

by my Spirit," saith the Lord.

As we attempt, in humility and

histories which follow, as mile-

stones.

In the early days, Cobourg Dis-

trict, as it was then known, was

a part of the Central Branch,

which extended from Toronto to

Belleville.

The Dominion Woman's Mis-

sionary Society was organized in

1881. At first there were only

three Branches; Western, Cent-

ral, and Eastern.

In 1893 a meeting was held in

London to divide the Central

Branch. At this time, it was

decided to divide the Central

Branch, according to Conference

limits. From that time, we were

in Bay of Quinte Branch.

Three years after Union, in

1928, Lindsay District was divid-

ed into Lindsay and Peterbor-

ough, and Cobourg District was

divided into Cobourg and Osh-

awa.

In 1925, Union of the Congre-

gational, Presbyterian, Methodist

Churches came into effect. We

were hereafter to be known as

Cobourg Presbyterial Woman's

Missionary Society.

On April 20th, 1926, in Trinity

United Church, Cobourg, the In-

augural Service of Cobourg Pres-

byterial Woman's Missionary So-

ciety took place. Over 200 dele-

gates and twice that many visit-

ors attended.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts (Metho-

dist), Mrs. J. T. Field (Congrega-

tional), and Mrs. (Rev.) W. A.

Bremner (Presbyterian), repre-

senting the three United Socie-

ties, presided over the meetings.

The new Presbyterial placed it-

self on record as opposed to any

backward step being taken in

Temperance reform - pledged

itself to support only such candi-

dates as would further the Tem-

perance cause.

Officers elected were as fol-

lows:

President: Mrs. J. W. Roberts.

Mrs. Bradshaw, Cobourg

Mrs. E. H. Martyn, Port Hope

Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Luffman, Balti-

more

Mrs. M. T. Gardiner, Garden Hill

Christian Stewardship and Fin-

ance, a very vital Department of

our work, was instituted at the

beginning, Mrs. Mears named as

Secretary.

At the Western Rally, held at

Baltimore on October 20th, 1926,

Mrs. Mears read the By-laws of

her work, stating that it had been

the duty of her Department to

make the Allocation for each

Auxiliary in the Presbyterial.

Mrs. Mears spoke of the neces-

sity of raising money for a sep-

arate fund for expenses, giving

different methods for doing this;

but hoped members were prac-

tising the habit of ‘Systematic

Giving’.

Our Allocation increasing with

the years, has usually been met,

and many years has been over

subscribed, the amount over be-

ing voted to special projects,

known as ‘Building Advance’.

We give thanks to our Heaven-

ly Father, that we can look back

over years of generous free will

offerings as faithful women have

responded to the requirements of

ever growing needs, at home and

overseas.

The fourth year (1929) our

Presbyterial accepted the alloca-

tion of $12,501.00. This year

(1961) we complete our History

by sending to Branch Treasurer

$18,511.84. Our allocation was

$18,315.00.

The splendid system of finan-

cing our W.M.S. work in the

former Methodist organization

was adopted by the United Wo-

men's Missionary Society and has

since been carried on. By use of

this system all monies were

on hand at the close of the year

previous to the carrying out of

projects at home and overseas.

bellford

Mrs. J. J. Way, Wooler

Mrs. Eldred Lean, Camborne

Mrs. Hedley Ireland, Carman

Mrs. Lornee Evans, Warkworth

Mrs. Clayton Taylor, Brighton

Mrs. Russell Stewart, Centreton

Mrs. Ed. Morton, Cobourg

Press Secretaries were --

Mrs. Nill, Roseneath

Mrs. Wm. Gillespie (who also

prepared a well kept scrap-

book), Vernonville

Mrs. Harry Hastings, Gore's

Landing

Mrs. O. L. Morrow, Brighton

Mrs. J. J. Way, Wooler

Mrs. G. G. Marshall, Brighton

Mrs. K. Archer, Grafton

Scrap Book: Mrs. Eldred Lean,

Camborne

Sectional Presidents --

Western:

Mrs. Ford, Camborne

Mrs. Reynolds, Port Hope

Mrs. A. Jaynes, Cobourg

Mrs. P. F. Gardiner, Canton

Mrs. Ed. Morton, Cobourg

Mrs. J. N. Lovelace, Roseneath

Mrs. N. D. McIntosh, Cold

Springs

Eastern:

Mrs. H. B. Neal, Wooler

Mrs. E. C. Roberts, Campbellford

Mrs. M. A. Smale, Warkworth

Mrs. H. Ireland, Brighton

Mrs. H. I. Alien, Castleton

Mrs. James Deviney, Vernonville

Mrs. Morley Petherick, Camp-

bellford

Treasurers were -

Mrs. Pringle, Whitby

Mrs. J. G. Findlay, Wicklow

Mrs. R. Crego, Roseneath

Mrs. F. K. Denyes, Brighton

Mrs. Clarence McMasters, Wooler

Mrs. Gilbert Wicks, Cobourg

Mrs. Kenneth Gotsell, Brighton

Mrs. E. Curtis Marshall, Brighton

Corresponding Secretaries -

Mrs. George Jackson, Port Perry

Mrs. A. Nill, Roseneath

Mrs. (Rev.) Partridge, Colborne

Mrs. F. N. Belyea, Port Hope

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs.

George Jackson, Port Perry.

Recording Secretary: Mrs.

George Hammond, Campbellford.

Treasurer: Mrs. Pringle, Whit-

by.

A delightful harmony is said to

have prevailed throughout the

meeting.

The second Annual Meeting was

held in Port Hope, and the third

in Brighton. Mrs. J. W. Roberts,

who had served the Cobourg Dis-

trict as District Organizer from

1910 until the consummation of

Union, and as President of the

new Cobourg Presbyterial Wo-

man's Missionary Society, for

three years, resigned at this

meeting. A beautiful basket of

roses was presented to her by

Mrs. Ashton, Campbellford, and

Mrs. J. T. Field, Cobourg.

Names of other prominent wor-

kers, which appear in the records

of early days of Union were: Mrs.

(Dr.) Garland, Cobourg; Mrs.

James McKinnon, Cobourg; Mrs.

R. S. Newman, Castleton; Mrs. J.

H. Johnston, Grafton; Mrs. Boyce,

Mrs. Snelgrove, Mrs. Rose Maitland, Brighton; Mrs. George

Hammond, Campbellford; Mrs.

(Rev.) David, Baltimore; Mrs. J.

T. Daley, Port Hope. (First Pre-

sident of Conference Branch),

Port Hope.

Presidents throughout the years

were --

Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Grafton

Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. Mears, Port

Hope

Mrs. Ashton, Campbellford

Mrs. S. L. Terrill, Wooler

Mrs. S. J. Gray, Garden Hill

Mrs. E. C. Roberts, Campbellford

Mrs. (Rev.) P. F. Gardiner, Can-

ton

Mrs. H. Ireland, Carman

Mrs. Eldred Lean, Cambome

Mrs. H. I. Alien, Castleton

Secretaries throughout the years

were --

Mrs. George Hammond, Camp-

The Supply Department of our

Presbyterial, over the years, has

sent countless bales of clothing,

quilts, blankets, vacation packets,

etc., etc., as required, to the

Home and Overseas Missions. No

record of the value of this prac-

tical service is available.

During the years the work of

Baby Bands, Mission Bands, CGIT

Groups, later Explorer Groups,

have been sponsored and given

leadership.

In the first records (1925-26),

Mrs. (Dr.) Garland, we learn,

was not only the president of the

Cobourg Trinity Auxiliary, but

was responsible for Baby and

Mission Band as well.

Miss Hazel Cannom was the

first president of Trinity Mission

Circle.

The Grafton Baby Band was re-

ferred to as doing a fine work

in the early days, and for many

yea<s has been an inspiration to

us all, under the capable leader-

ship of Mrs. H. Bryson.

In the early years only one

Young Woman's Auxiliary was

reported (Vernonville, with six

members). Later in 1926, Bethel

Grove was reported.

During the years we have had

several Circles,^ some have be-

come Evening Auxiliaries, some

have ceased to be. We have now

at the close of our history, five

Evening Auxiliaries; eight Affili-

ated Societies; givings $317.53.

One Circle with a membership

of 16; givings, $100.00.

We have 12 Baby Bands: mem-

bership, 383; givings, $130.53.

Mrs. H. Bryson, the dedicated

superintendent.

29 Mission Bands: membership,

808; givings, $968.58. An over-all

efficient leadership of Mrs. Clay-

ton Thompson and Mrs. Gordon

Sherwin.

One Explorers Group (Wel-

come) 12 members: givings,

$10.00.

thought of prayer beginning at

the rising of the sun over the

Isles of the Pacific where the day

begins, and continuing until the

close of day in Hawaii, forty-

eight hours of continuous prayer,

which in quietness and confid-

ence brings strength and hope.

"The sun never sets on the Unit-

ed Church of Canada."

The offerings on that day were

part of a great project, that of

writing, translating and printing

Christian Literature in many

lands. Also through our offerings

on that day, we have a share in

the work of Bible Society in the

translation and circulation of the

Scriptures.

The new Department of our

Society, came into effect in 1928

at the meeting of the Dominion

Board. The Department of Temp-

erance which is now Department

of Christian Citizenship.

The Methodist Society had for

many years, Temperance Her-

alds, and a Temperance message

was brought to each meeting.

At this session of Dominion

Board, Mrs. Gordon Wright (an

outstanding Temperance advo-

cate) moved, and Mrs. J. S. Gor-

don, of Vancouver, seconded that

a Department of Temperance be

instituted, and a secretary for

this Department be appointed

with the understanding that the

secretaryship be carried down

through the organization. This

motion carried.

The different Conference Bran-

ches carried out this recommen-

dation with enthusiasm, revealing

the deep interest of the women

of the Society in Temperance.

The years that followed showed

an increasing emphasis on Tem-

perance Education both in Aux-

iliary and younger -growps.

As Temperance became an is-

sue in Provincial Elections, the

women of our Society joined with

others, through resolutions, dele-

Conferences for these Younger

Group Leaders have been held in

both Eastern and Western Sec-

tions every year, with leaders

from the Training School, and

candidates for the Mission Fields

in charge.

The Annual Presbyterial alter-

nated in meeting in East and

West in January, in late years,

while the Sectional meetings

were held in June. All these Ral-

lies have enjoyed the privilege

of hearing Missionaries on fur-

lough, Officers of the Dominion

Board and Conference Branch

Presidents as speakers.

Many groups have enjoyed

Christian Fellowship as they have

gathered in central places from

time to time to meet outstanding

Missionaries.

Our quota of delegates have at-

tended the Conference Branch

meetings.

Several of our officers have

been privileged to attend Dom-

inion Board: Mesdames S. J.

Gray, P. F. Gardiner, S. L. Ter-

rill, Harold Beatty, Eldred Lean,

H. I. Alien.

Serving on the Conference

Branch Executive were: Mrs. J.

W. Roberts, Mrs. J. G. Waite,

Mrs. G. Young, Mrs. Wm. Under-

wood, Mrs. H. Ireland.

'Crusade Week' was widely ob-

served in the early days, as a

means of securing new members.

"Retirement Fund" was begun

on July 1st, 1926; the capital of

the fund kept invested, and the

interest was paid to our mission-

aries on their retirement.

Two days of Thanksgiving were

observed: "Easter" and "Harvest"

when groups gathered for wor-

ship and to present thank-offer-

ings; usually a Missionary or

Presbyterial officer was speaker.

"The World Day of Prayer"

was observed every year, usually

in group attendance, and was a

time of special significance, as we

gations and their vote, in protes-

ting against the increased facili-

ties for the sale of alcohol.

The scope of the Department

was widened to include other

phases of Citizenship and for

many years has been designated

as "The Department of Christian

Citizenship and Temperance."

In 1934, the Dominion Board

proposed that some of the Cen-

tral Conference Branches experi-

ment in holding a School for

Leaders.

The first one was held in Bay

of Quinte Conference, at Ontario

Ladies' College, Whitby, once

known as "Trafalgar Castle", the

last week in August, 1934, with a

registration of 72. It is recorded

that the cooperation of the Pres-

byterials of Bay of Quinte Con-

ference was largely responsible

for the organization of many

such schools in the Dominion.

The programme carried out du-

ring the succeeding years was

similar to that of the first year@

such as morning devotions. Mis-

sionary Education, Study Groups

in methods for Auxiliaries, Cir-

cles, Mission Bands, Baby Bands,

CGIT Groups, Explorers.

Outstanding speakers organized

recreation, uplifting Vesper serv-

ices, informal get-acquainted pro-

grammes, viewing visual aids, ad-

dresses by Scholarship students

and Missionaries.

The finances of the School

were met by donations of $25.00

from each Presbyterial and each

student paying her own expenses,

board and room.

The Dean was appointed by the

Branch and the officers elected

by the School.

Dr. and Mrs. Carscallen were

host and hostess for many years,

Dr. and Mrs. Osborne in later

years.

The first Dean was Dr. Winni-

fred Thomas. The late Mrs.

Smythe was Dean for thirteen

years; Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Soper

and Mrs. Stewart in later years.

Miss Netta Brownlee, Port

Hope, has been Dean of the

Younger Group since 1934.

It has been said that through

these inspiring sessions of School

for Leaders, delegates have expe-

rienced "Heaven coming down,

our souls to meet."

The Literature Department has

been a great inspiration and

source of information throughout

the years. Miss Alice Henwood,

Port Hope, was the first Litera-

ture secretary; as we complete

our history, Mrs. Clayton Taylor

is the last.

The Congregationalists had a

Circulating Library and Mrs. J.

T. Daley acted as custodian as it

was brought into Union.

During the years we have had

the 'Book Shelf and many Aux-

iliaries have had Reading Circles

and Lending Libraries. The won-

derful books, leaflets and pro-

gramme suggestions provided for

us in our preparation of Mission-

ary Study, must not be underes-

timated.

At the time of Union, each So-

ciety had a monthly Periodical.

These were combined to form

"The Missionary-Monthly." Dur-

ing the first years our subscrip-

tions numbered 745 and at the

close of our history we were sub-

scribing to 588.

The Junior Magazine known as

the "Palm Branch" in the early

days, has for many years been

known as "The World Friends."

Now we are about to conclude

our "Story of the Years", we feel

that "THE HALF HAS NOT

BEEN TOLD."

During the years we have had

a fine spirit of loyalty and dedi-

cation and have enjoyed a won-

derful fellowship of kindred

spirits.

Women whose names do not

appear in this record have served

faithfully in quiet corners, others

have taken over when workers

have been removed, thus the

work has gone on.

Countless Missionaries have

been sent overseas and to home

mission fields, giving their all in

service. It has been our great

privilege to have a small share

in their great unrecorded contri-

bution.

Of the great unnumbered army

of missionaries, we name three

in whom we have had a special

interest: Miss Mary Haig, whose

home was in Baltimore, served

for forty years in Japan and For-

mosa; Miss Luella Rorke, once a

resident of Colborne, served for-

ty years in Japan and Formosa;

Mrs. W. R. MacWilliams (Bessie

Winter) Wicklow, and her hus-

band spent their alloted time in

Japan; on retirement settled in

British Columbia where they still

minister to Canadian Japanese.

In addition to our contribu-

tions to our Allocation and

Building Advance during the

years, we have made contribu-

tions to a few other projects. One

was "The Rest Fund" or "The

Retirement Fund," previously

mentioned. In 1948 a special fund

was raised in Cobourg Presbyter-

ial for the purpose of helping

with a Protestant Church at Bat-

awa, near Frankford, and many

of our Auxiliaries contributed to

the $308.00, which was used to

purchase pulpit furniture as a

gift from Cobourg Presbytery.

In 1952 an opportunity was

given to share in an extension to

the United Church Training

School in Toronto. Our share was

$5,800.00, and the allocation was

divided. Mrs. (Rev.) P. F. Gar-

diner was in charge and visited

many of the Societies presenting

the plan. In 1954 he had sub-

scribed $4,623.00 to the amount.

Mrs. Masih, of North India, was

But rather, forward set

Thy face to the untrodden ways.

Open thine eyes to see

The good in store for thee:

New love, new thoughts, new

service, too,

For Him who daily maketh thy

life new.

Nor think thou, ought is lost

Or left behind upon the silent

coast

Of thy spent years.

Give o'er our faithless fears

Whatever of real good

Of thought or deed or holier

mood

Thy life hath known

Abideth still thine own.

And hath within significance

Of more than times' inheritance:

Thy good is prophecy

Of better still to be.

We now "Go Forward" at His

bidding, into the "Whole Mission

of the Church and the Brother-

hood of man."

ALDERVILLE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY

SOCIETY

Alderville Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in the year

1928 - 28, and the Executive was

as follows:

President @ Mrs. Ernest Crowe.

Corresponding Secretary @ Mrs.

N. Wilding.

Other two members were @ Rev.

N. Wilding and Mrs. Norman

Marsden.

The next year it was reported

"disorganized." At this time there

were 15 members and $10.00 had

been sent to Branch Treasurer.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore Methodist Woman's

Missionary Society was organized

in December 1891, by Miss Ben.

nett, with seventeen members.

President@Mrs. Peake

Vice-President@Mrs. R. Teney

Sec. (Rec.)@Miss Williams

(Cor.) Sec.@Miss Mitchell

a guest of our Presbyterial in

1954, and a large and represen-

tative gathering greeted Mrs.

Masih i n Colborne United

Church. Mrs. Masih is the grand-

daughter of a Moslem million-

aire, who sacrificed his wealth

and home to become a Christian.

It had not been the custom to

present gifts to visiting speakers,

but our Presbyterial joined with

others in presenting a gift of re-

frigeration (our share was

$32.00). We later received a let-

ter of appreciation from Mrs.

Masih.

We cannot complete our Pres-

byterial history without paying

tribute to the late Mrs. F. W. K.

Harris of Peterborough, who has

been a frequent and much loved

guest at outstanding events in

local and Presbyterial history.

Mrs. Harris was a former resi-

dent of Coldsprings, attending

school in Coldsprings and Cob-

ourg Collegiate. After their re-

tirement she and Rev. F. W. K.

Harris resided in Peterborough.

Mrs. Harris was a member of

Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

W.M.S., also former Dean of Bay

of Quinte School for Leaders,

and prominent in Peterborough

W.M.S. Circles, and brought many

inspiring messages to Cobourg

Presbyterial.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. H. McKinney,

Brooklin, Ont, formerly a resi-

dent of Cold Springs, served as

President of Bay of Quinte Con-

ference Branch Woman's Mis-

sionary Society, and was a fre-

quent and honored speaker at

Presbyterial and local gatherings.

As we close the door on the

past and venture into the un-

known, let us consider the words

of an unknown author as he

speaks of:

UNTRODDEN WAYS

Turn not in vain regret

To our fond yesterdays.

Treasurer@Miss E. A. Peake

Members: Mesdames Brisbin, J.

C. Elliott, McEvers, McCutch-

eon, Blezard, N. Chapman, Philp,

Ball, J. Fraser; Misses J. Blez-

ard, C. Blezard, S. Blezard, Mit-

chell; Mesdames P. Smith, Pet-

ers, W. Smith, Kelly, Day, F.

Lapp, J. Mulholland, Jennie

Cochrane, E. Brisbin.

The second year there were 28

members with an average of 10.

Presidents before Union were

minister's wives: Peake, Wilson,

Mears, Elliott, Nickle.

In succeeding years, serving as

presidents, were: Mrs. A. G.

Mann, Mrs. (Rev.) J. David (sev-

eral terms), Mrs. Wm. Mann,

Mrs. Henry Mann, F. Ball, J. Mc-

Kague, C. D. Mann, F. Cochrane,

A. Mann, C. Brisbin (several

terms).

Five years later in 1886 there

were eighteen members with an

average attendance of seven. The

amount sent to the Branch Trea-

surer was $33.50.

In 1952 an Evening Auxiliary

was organized. The presidents

who have served are: Mesdames

Stephens, Jack Staples, L. West,

D. Ball, J. Clapperton, and B. C.

Roberts.

Secretaries: Mesdames M. No-

ble, G. Liriton, .,H. Butters, D.

May, L. West, J; Staples.

A Mission Band was organized

in the early years known as

"Ever Ready". Some of the lead-

ers were: Mesdames A. G. Mann,

H. A. Burwash, C. D. Mann, A.

Jaynes, A. W. Mann, Honey, D.

May, F. Cochrane, Miss Jean But-

ters, Mrs. B. Roberts, Mrs. Gor-

don Sherwin.

Baby Bands and C.G.LT. groups

have been sponsored during the

years and supply bales sent as

requested.

Members serving on Presbyter-

ial Executive were: Mrs. A. C.

Luffman, Miss Alice Burwash,

Mrs. Gordon Sherwin and Mrs. B.

Roberts.

Missionaries of special interest

to our Society were: Miss Mary

Haig, and Rev. Floyd and Mrs.

Honey.

In 1960 number of members:

21; amount sent Branch, $347.60.

Mrs. Charles Buttars, a Life

Member, was responsible for ma-

king eight Life Members during

the last year of her life.

BETHESDA (SOUTH)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY

SOCIETY

Mrs. T. W. Philp was Corres-

ponding Secretary for a few years

previous to the organization of

Bethesda South Woman's Mis-

sionary Society in September

1895.

The first officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. J. Rosevear; Vice-

President, Mrs. Keeler; Record-

ing Secretary, Mrs. Watt; Cor-

responding Secretary, Mrs. T. W.

Philp; Treasurer, Mrs. Hawkey.

There were seven annual mem-

bers with an average attendance

of five, and the amount sent to

the Branch Treasurer the first

year was $17.67.

The second year the member-

ship and average attendance were

the same. The amount sent was

$27.65.

The members were: Mesdames

Simpson, Hoskin, Raby, J. Rose-

vear, Taylor.

Two Mission Bands were org-

anized, known throughout the

years as "Sunset and Sunrise"

Bands. At the time of Church

Union the leaders were: Miss An-

nie Budd, 'Sunrise', and Miss Ola

Watt, 'Sunset'.

During the years devoted lead-

ers carried on the work of the

Mission Bands, some of whom

were: Mrs. H. Raby, Miss Grace

Winn, Mrs. Everet Philp, Mrs.

Albert Bell, Miss Mary Philp,

Mrs. Arthur Bickle, Miss Roberta

The Golden Anniversary was

celebrated on July 16th, 1952,

with Bethesda United Church,

with many of the former mem-

bers present @ three of them

charter members: Mrs. A. J. Mc-

Figgin, Miss Lillian Isaac (now

Mrs. Dawson Sherwin), and Mrs

Davidson. 115 attended. It is in-

teresting to note that this anni-

versary was held on the same

day of the week, the same week

and the same date of the month

as the Society was formed 50

years before. Mrs. (Rev.) Fisher

of Brooklin was the guest

speaker.

In 1902 there were 15 mem-

bers @ in 1961 there were 28

paid members.

In 1903 the amount sent to

Branch Treasurer was $30.00.

In 1961 the amount sent to

Branch Treasurer was $175.00.

Mrs. Hilton Graham was made

a Life member in 1954 and in

1960, Mrs. Harrington came to

Bethesda as a Life Member.

Presidents over the years were:

Mesdames Richard dapperton,

W. R. (Rev.) Johnston, S. E.

Isaac, Miss Ina Dennison (several

terms), Mrs. W. H. (Rev.) Alp,

Mrs. (Rev.) T. McNaught, Mrs.

(Rev.) T. McCord, Mrs. A. Car-

ruthers, Mesdames T. L. Harvey,

F. D. McCulloch, A. Lawton, Hil-

ton Graham (several terms), Mrs.

R. E. Drope, Mesdames George

Isaac (several terms), D. Herriot,

Stewart Greer, Garnet Isaac.

Secretaries 1902 - 1961: Miss

Lillian Isaac, Mrs. Richard Clap-

perton, Miss Ella Isaac, Miss Lil-

lian Isaac, Miss Ina Dennison,

Mrs. James Butters. No records

from 1932 - 1938. Miss Ina Denni-

son.

No early record of Mission

Band is available. In recent years

leaders were: Mrs. George Isaac,

Mrs. Jack Robson, Mrs. Glenn

Hogg.

Philp, and Mrs. D. duff who was

leader in 1961.

Presidents during the years

were: Mesdames Keeler (2 yrs.),

Watt (5), M. Raby (2), T. W.

Philp (10), A. Simpson (2), G.

Wragg (2), H. Tinney (3), A.

Winn (2), Miss Grace Winn (4),

and as Mrs. H. May (2), Mrs. H.

Bickle (12), Mrs. H. Budd (4),

Mrs. D. Archer (2), and Mrs. S.

Macklin who was president at

the close.

Bethesda South has enjoyed a

wonderful fellowship throughout

the years within their own Soci-

ety and with surrounding Auxil-

iaries.

At the time of Church Union

the officers were: President, Mrs.

A. Winn; Executive: Mesdames

Macklin, Everett Philp and Miss

Addie Morton.

There were at that time 32

members, and $167.00 was sent

to Branch Treasurer. In 1961

Mrs. S. Macklin was president,

with 28 members and the amount

sent to Presbyterial Treasurer

was $331.00.

BETHESDA WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(HARWOOD)

The Bethesda (Harwood) Wo-

man's Missionary Society was or-

ganized on July 16th, 1902, with

nine ladies present.

The Minister's wife, Mrs.

James Ross, moved that a Mis-

sionary Auxiliary be formed,

which was seconded by Mrs.

Wm. Isaac and carried.

Elected to office were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. Richard Clapperton;

Vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Isaac;

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Alex

Skeen; Secretary, Miss Lillian

Isaac; Treasurer, Mrs. (Rev.)

James Ross.

There were 15 paid members

on the roll. Meetings were held

on the third Wednesday of each

month.

The ladies of the church and

W.M.S. were formed into four

groups, three leaders on each

group, each leader to be respon-

sible for one meeting.

We have joined with St. John's

W.A. Anglican members for

World Day of Prayer each year.

Have had Easter and Autumn

Thankoffering meetings each

year and mostly twelve meetings

a year.

Delegates have attended Sec-

tional Rallies and Presbyterial

when possible.

In Bethesda United Church, a

memorial window commemorates

the faithful workers of the Beth-

esda Woman's Society, "Their

works do follow them."

BETHEL GROVE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Bethel Grove Woman's Mission-

ary Society was organized in 1918

with twelve members and in that

year the amount sent to Branch

Treasurer was $46.50.

The Executive consisted of: Pre-

sident, Mrs. H. Bickle; Secretary,

(Cor.), Miss Ruby Dayman; Trea-

surer, Mrs Marshall; Superinten-

dent of Christian Stewardship,

Mrs. Martin.

Presidents serving during the

years were: Mrs. Luther Cole and

Mrs. Stanley 'Lancaster.

After a perted of years, Bethel

Grove Woman's Missionary Soci-

ety became an affiliated society,

Mrs. Stanley Etcher (W.A.) pre-

sident.

Thank-offering services were

held in connection with Church

services, and contributions were

made to Conference Branch.

During the years of 1939 - 1942,

Miss Georgina Cole was associat-

ed with Cobourg Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive as Secretary of Mission

Circles.

BRIGHTON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Brighton Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in March,

1886, by Miss Taggart, District

Organizer. No record is available

until 1892 when the following list

of officers was reported: Presi-

dent, Mrs. J. S. Clarke; Vice-pre-

sident, Mrs. Wm. Brooks; Recor-

ding Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Davis;

Corresponding Secretary, Miss

Taggart; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Hew-

itt. There were 15 members, Mes-

dames Sanford, Reddick, Mor-

row, C. Lockwood, Wm. Martin,

G. Sherwood, H. J. S. Scripture,

N. B. H. Dean, Gordon, G. Mil-

ler, J. Cornwall, Miss Brooks. The

amount sent to Branch Treasur-

er, $26.00.

Early presidents were: Miss

Taggart, Mesdames (Rev.) Watch,

(Rev.) Clarke, Miss Taggart, Mes-

dames (Rev.) J. C. Wilson,

(Rev.)Edmison.

At the time of Church Union,

two auxiliaries reported, St. An-

drew's, with an executive of Mes-

dames McLeod, Garland, Vincent

and Brown; Trinity, with an ex-

ecutive of Mesdames A. Edwards,

George Sullivan, A. 0. Maybee, C.

Bush.

Some of the presidents known

to have served since Union:

Mesdames J. E. Anderson, Roy

Bird, Charles Hamilton, Clayton

Taylor, V. C. Chapman, and at

the close, Mrs. Clayton Taylor.

Number of members, 54; contri-

bution to the Presbyterial Treas-

urer, $1131.81.

A Mission Band, known as The

Jessie Munroe Band was organ-

ized in 1899 and the name of

Thorhilda Demille was given as

corresponding secretary. There

were 43 members and that year

$26.61 was sent to Branch Treas-

urer. At the close of our W.M.S.

Mrs. J. L. Bundle was leader with

24 members.

Serving on the Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive were: Mesdames Maybee,

Fred Sherman, 0. L. Morrow,

Rose Maitland, E. C. Brown, F.

Mrs. Ross Branscombe; secre-

tary, Mrs. George Thomson; Trea-

surer, Mrs. Ben Brown; Citizen-

ship Secretary, Mrs. Robert Bird;

Stewardship Secretary, Mrs. Wm.

Robb; Supply Secretary, Mrs.

Gerald Simpson; Literature Sec-

retary, Mrs. Clifford Rusk;

Friendship Secretary, Mrs. Leigh-

ton Rundle; Missionary Monthly

Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Scott.

We have a membership of 52

and this year 1961, have sent

$955.00 to the Presbyterial Trea-

surer.

CAMBORNE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Camborne Woman's Mis-

sionary Society was organized in

1900, with a membership of five:

Mesdames James Harper, Joseph

Harper, Ed. Howell, Stevens,

Bray. These faithful interes-

ted women contributed the first

year $5.00.

By 1915 the membership had

increased to 12 annual members

and one life member; average at-

tendance was 8. $59.55 was sent

to the Branch Treasurer. A bale

containing 5 quilts and used clo-

thing valued at $30.00 was sent

to the Deaconess Home, Toronto.

The Cobourg District Conven-

tion was held in this church in

June, and dinner was served to

200 by the W.M.S. members and

two members had previously

been appointed to see that hay

and oats were provided for the

horses.

1917 was the year of the

"Branch Silver Jubilee". On De-

cember 6th our Auxiliary cele-

brated by having Mrs. J. W. Rob-

erts of Wicklow, the District Or-

ganizer, address an open meeting

in the church. She afterwards or-

ganized "The Little Light Bear-

ers", the first such group in the

district.

By 1920 the membership had

increased to 32 annual members

Denyes, Wm. Dunk, K. Gotsell,

Wade Morrow, M. Wright, Cecil

Marshall, Curtis Marshall, Clay-

ton Taylor and Mrs. Hedley Ire-

land, who served in many offices

as secretary, president of the

Eastern Section and as president

of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Ireland

also served as Periodical Secre-

tary on the Conference Branch

Executive.

There have been many out-

standing active members in the

past and in 1943 at a membership

tea, three of these were honored

when Life Membership Pins were

presented to Mrs. Fred Sherman,

Mrs. Maybee, and Mrs. 0. L. Mor-

row, who had spent many years

in active service.

BRIGHTON EVENING

AUXILIARY OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY

SOCIETY

During the year 1936-37, the

first Evening Auxiliary of Trin-

ity - St. Andrew's United Church,

Brighton, was formed. The Sen-

ior members of the existing Mis-

sion Circle became the first

members of the new organiza-

tion. Mrs. Hubert McConnell was

the first president, Miss Iva Fid-

dick (now Mrs. Maurice Herring-

ton) was the corresponding sec-

retary, and the Strangers Secre-

tary was Miss Irene Sanford.

Fifty-five members made up

the first society and $140.00 was

sent to the Presbyterial Execu-

tive the first year.

During "Old Home Week" in

1938, the Auxiliary served tea on

the church lawn to the many vis-

itors who came to Brighton.

One of our members, the late

Miss Agnes Quinn became a mis-

sionary to the Indians in West-

ern Canada.

Following is the list of offic-

ers for 1961: President, Mrs. Wm.

Dunk; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. F.

J. Graham; 2nd Vice-president,

and one Life Member (the largest

membership in the history of our

Society). The average attend-

ance was 22. Amount sent to

Branch Treasurer was $104.00

and a bale valued at $49.00 was

sent.

Miss Susie Hinman, missionary

on furlough from India, addres-

sed Easter Thankoffering meet-

ing. An offering of $19.00 was

received.

1925, the year the "United

Church of Canada" was inaugur-

ated, was a year of changes and

advancement for the Woman's

Missionary Society.

Systematic giving by envelope

was adopted, members were div-

ided into groups. Membership

remained the same and $112.00

was sent to Branch Treasurer.

In 1930 Mrs. George Campbell,

wife of the Minister, organized a

W.C.T.U., and during the years

thfe organization co-operated with

the W.M.S., as separate meeting

did not seem feasible. The per-

iod devoted to Christian Citizen-

ship was a time of discussion

covering the work of both so-

cieties.

In 1933 the Society was making

use of ttm 'Travelling Library,

encouraging metre reading. Mrs.

J T. Daley, Port Hope, was Lib-

rarian.

From 1933 to 1948 the mem-

bership and average attendance

were much the same and we

were able to meet our allocation

which was $193.10 for several

years.

On May 10th, 1950, the 25th

Anniversary of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Society of the United

Church of Canada was observed.

A FOUR-FOLD Programme was

used. (1) Worship, (2) Growing

with the years in the Society as

a whole, (3) Growing with the

years in our Auxiliary, (4) Clos-

ing Litany of Dedication to ad-

vance.

The officers each gave a brief

review of their work during the

25 years. During that time four

of our officers had been called

to higher service. Two minutes

of silence were observed in their

memory.

Membership 25; average atten-

dance 15; reached allocation of

$260.00.

In 1955 the membership was

26 annual and 2 Life Members,

average attendance 14. An award

of a book, "September Monkey",

was received from Cobourg Pres-

byterial, our members having

read the greater number of

books during the year. The allo-

cation in 1955 was $315.00; sent

to Presbyterial Treasurer $319.75.

The allocation from 1946 - 61

amounted to $4,779.00.

We are grateful to report hav-

ing sent $4,783.00.

During the years, eleven mon-

thly meetings were held and an

Autumn Thankoffering each year.

The Study Book and helps were

used, also suggestions for wor-

ship services, printed in the

Missionary Monthly.

The Easter Thankoffering was

usually received on Easter Sun-

day morning in the church serv-

ice. The "World Day of Prayer"

was observed each year and con-

tributions sent for "Building Ad-

vance."

Some of the methods used for

raising money were: (1) Offering

at each meeting. (2) Special of-

fering at Easter and Thanksgiv-

ing. (3) In 1919 each member

was asked to donate the price of

a dozen eggs at each meeting.

This method was used until Un-

ion. (4) An autograph quilt was

made in 1931, 10 cents per name,

and sold for $6.60. (5) An afghan

was made of crocheted wool

blocks and sold for $11.00 (1932).

The first president recorded

was Mrs. (Rev.) Limbert; Vice-

president, Mrs. Bray; Recording

Secretary, Mrs. Snelgrove; Cor-

responding Secretary, Beatrice

Limbert; Treasurer, Mrs. James

Harper.

Succeeding presidents were:

Mesdames (Rev.) Johnson, (Rev.)

Snowdon, J. Sandercock, G. La-

cey, Henry Harper, (Rev.) Camp-

bell, H. Lander, Luther Davey,

Hugh Halligan, G. Lacey, B. Pal-

mateer, Eldred Lean.

The service of faithful officers

over the years acknowledged:

Mrs. Wm. Jibb, served as secre-

tary for 7 years, 1917-23. Mrs.

Don Williamson as secretary for

14 years, 1923-1937. Mrs. Hugh

Halligan as secretary for 5 years,

1937-1942. Mrs. Stanley Jamieson

as secretary for 14 years, 1942 -

1959. Mrs. Mellville Sandercock

as treasurer for 18 years, 1944 -

1961. Mrs. Rue Palmateer as pre-

sident for 9 years, 1951-1960.

Mrs. G. Lacey as president for

many years at intervals. Mrs.

H. Lander attended 168 meetings

(absent 12) 1947-1961.

This is a short report of 61

years of service. If time and

space would allow a full account

of the services of each member

and officer the report would still

be incomplete, for words fail to

reveal the actual deep love and

faithful devotion behind their

actions.

The following members have

served on the Presbyterial Exec-

utive: Mrs. W. J. Jibb as Chris-

tian Stewardship secretary; Mrs.

Mellville Sandercock as Associ-

ate Members secretary; Mrs. Eld-

red Lean as Christian Citizenship

secretary, as Recording secretary,

as vice-president and as presi'-

dent. Mrs. Lean also was a dele-

gate to the Dominion Board.

The Mission Band was organ-

ized in 1925 and known as "The

Good Cheer Band." Early leaders

were: Miss Clarice Snelgrove,

Jessie Fisher, Loroa Ford, Marj-

orie Wood, Gertrude Williamson,

Mrs. F. J. Horwood, Mrs. Lander,

Mrs. M. Grieve, Mrs. (Rev.) Wes-

ley, Mrs. (Rev.) P. C. Brown took

over leadership and carried on

during their pastorate. Mrs. M.

Lacey, Mrs. 0. Snelgrove and

Miss Lois Snelgrove who was

leader at the close of our Wo-

man's Missionary Society.

We conclude this brief history

with gratitude for all help re-

ceived and as the W.M.S. book is

closed may we with God's help

look forward in faith to "The

United Church Women."

"Not by might nor by power

but by My Spirit, saith the Lord

of Hosts."

CANTON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1899 @ 1961

In May 1899, the Canton Wo-

man's Missionary of the Method-

ist Church was organized during

the Pastorate of Rev. H. B. Ken-

ny. The first record of minutes

was made on September 13, 1909.

Miss Annie Harris was the first

president and Mrs. Maria Abra-

ham was first recording secre-

tary. Four members were in at-

tendance. Fees for members at

that time was $1.00 a member.

That year $13.00 was sent to

Branch Treasurer.

In 1901 officers were elected as

follows: President, Mrs. E. Haw-

kins; Rec. and Cor. Secretary,

Miss G. Hawkins; Treasurer, Mrs.

J. F. Hawkins. Members were:

Mesdames C. Harris, W. Peters,

S. Bromell, A. Barrie, M. Robin-

son, Abraham, Misses Ada Hawk-

ins, Harris.

In 1916 this Society held their

first World Day of Prayer, a

service in which the women of

the world united in a common

worship.

A Mission Band was organized

in the Public School on April 3,

1914, by Rev. J. W. Cannom and

Mrs. W. A. Peters, president of

the W.M.S., with Miss Pearl Mas-

on the first leader.

A Baby Band was organized in

1929 with Mrs. Tom Smith as

leader.

Bunker Hill School Mission

Band was organized by Mrs. S.

Bennett in 1948 with Mrs. Norm-

an Bosnell as leader.

C.G.I.T. was first organized in

1938 but only carried on for a

year. In 1950 it was organized

again by Mrs. S. Bennett with

leaders Mrs. L. Mills and Mrs. J.

dark with sixteen members and

is still very active under the

leadership of Miss Ruth Mills and

Mrs. Gordon Austin.

Names which have been on the

Life Membership Roll are: Miss

Annie Harris, Miss Elsie Peters,

Mrs. Frank Bamsey, Mrs. Willa

Peters, Mrs. Will Callendar, Mrs.

(Rev.) H. A. Bunt, Mrs. (Rev.)

J. F. Lane, Mrs. W. J. Gist, Mrs.

Wilbur Barrie, Mrs. F. R. Cur-

relly. On the present list are:

Mrs. M. Bickle, Miss Bertha Lang-

don, Mrs. C. Langdon, Mrs. F. R.

Currelly (nee Barrie), Mrs. S.

Bennett.

Bequests to our Society have

been received from the late Miss

Annie Harris and Miss Armanel

Peters.

W.M.S. Presidents @ 1905, Mrs.

A. M. Irwin; , 1907, Mrs. W. A.

Peters; 1909,."@i>"Miss A. Harris;

1912. Mrs. (Rev.) W. Smart;

1913. Mrs. W. A. Peters; 1916,

Miss A. Harris; 1935, Mrs. T. C.

Barrie; 1936, Miss W. A. Peters;

1938, Miss B. Langdon; 1939,

Mrs. W. Barrie; 1943, Mrs. (Rev.)

P F. Gardiner; 1950, Mrs. S.

Bennett; 1959, Mrs. Ed Long;

1960, Mrs. S. Bennett to 1962,

when the group will unite with

new group to form U.C.W.

The present membership is 10

annual members and 5 Life Mem-

bers. Amount sent to Branch

Treasurer 1960, $223.35 @ 17

times as much as the first recor-

Officers elected were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. McMaster; 1st Vice-

President, Mrs. J. A. Frederick;

2nd Vice-President, Mrs. John

Harris (then Miss Mason); Recor-

ding Secretary, Mrs. Eakins; Cor-

responding Secretary, Mrs. Geo.

Mills; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Vos-

per; Committee of Entertainment,

Miss Mason, Miss Mould, Mrs.

Geo. M. Mills.

Among the names of members

as remembered were: Mesdames

Jas. White, McBroom, Howson, J.

A. Irwin, Wynn, Skitch, Bailey,

Chase, Hoover, Osterhout, Cum-

mings, Davison, Beatty, W. W.

Stevens, Peake, S. Free, A. Free,

Harris, C. West, Wm. Barnett, E.

Diamond, Lillian Reynolds, Eak-

ins. The average attendance dur-

ing the first year was 42, and the

contribution was $125.71.

Campbellford organized a Mis-

sion Band (Day Spring) with a

membership of 31; president,

Mrs. C. W. Turner; secretary, Til-

lie Turner.

The 50th Anniversary (Golden)

was observed in 1939. A Sunday

service was held with Mrs. C.

Maxwell Loveys, Home Secretary

of the General Board as speaker

at both services, giving interest-

ing and inspirational addresses.

In the morning she spoke of the

work of the Woman's Missionary

Society in the far West @ in the

Peace River District and British

Columbia. Hospitals and schools

had been established which filled

urgent needs; doctors and nurses

and teachers had gone forth, fil-

led with the spirit of the Master,

to minister to the sick, the suf-

fering and to the children of new

Canadians.

In the evening, Mrs. Loveys

spoke more about the work ab-

road, referring particularly to the

Madras Conference, and to the

subsequent visit to Toronto of

outstanding converts and leaders

of this Conference. One felt that

ded year; 4 times as many mem-

bers.

Members who have served on

the Presbyterial Executive: Mrs.

P. F. Gardiner as president (who

also attended Dominion Board);

Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Mission Band

Superintendent; Mrs. F. C. Cur-

relly (nee Barrie) as Young Peo-

ple's Dept. Superintendent.

Our study this year has includ-

ed Drama, Films, Missionary

Speaker Miss Mamie Gollan of

"All Nations" in Toronto.

CAMPBELLFORD WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Soci-

ety of St. John's United Church

was organized first in the Metho-

dist Church in 1889, in response

to an appeal from the Board of

Missions, through their secretary,

the late Dr. Sutherland. He put

the question to the Christian wo-

men of the Church, as to what

they could do for their sisters

in foreign lands.

The first Auxiliary was formed

in Centenary Church, Hamilton,

on June 23, 1881.

In the first year the revenue of

the Societies was two hundred

dollars and was devoted to the

work among the Indian girls in

British Columbia.

In 1883, the Toronto and Bay

of Quinte Branches were organ-

ized. Mrs. Carman, wife of Dr.

Carman, was the first president

of Belleville District; Mrs. Levi

Massey the vice-president and

District Organizer.

Six years later when revival

services were being held in

Campbellford Church, Mrs. Mas-

sey visited the Church, and on

February 21, 1889, addressed a

meeting of women, when 61 join-

ed the first Woman's Missionary

Society of Campbellford United

Church (then the Methodist

Church).

missionary work was well worth

wnile.

in the morning the choir rend-

ered tne ringing antnem, "send

uuc 'me Liignc", ana Mrs. A. G.

Watson sang a lovely solo. In

the evening, the Mission circle

formed the choir, and Mrs. Ste-

phen Twigg very sweetly sang a

solo. After the evening service

the members of the W.M.S. and

others met Mrs. Loveys down-

stairs and had an enjoyable

friendship hour.

On Thursday evening a social

gathering with an outstanding

programme was held, completing

the observance of 50 years of ser-

vice. Mrs. Hammond was the el-

oquent speaker on this occasion,

giving an historical address of

great interest, paying tribute to

many workers. A birthday cake

with 50 candles was cut and ser-

ved with a cup of tea.

Presidents who have served du-

ring the years include Mesdames

McMaster, J. T. Vosper, T. M.

Campbell, W. H. Ashton (two

terms), 0. Kingston, H. E. Carm-

ahan, Geo. Oliver, Andrew Haig,

E. C. Roberts (a number of

years), W. T. Scott, A. E. Burgie,

W. D. Bennett, W. A. Kingston,

E. Hawley, Morley Petherick,

Mrs. Ashton, served in many cap-

acities, also as president of Co-

bourg District, then as president

of Bay of Quinte Conference

Branch.

Officers who have served dur-

ing the years on District and lat-

er on Presbyterial Executives,

include Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. 0.

Kingston, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. H.

B. Neal, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. W.

A. Kingston, Mrs. R. J. Lambert,

Mrs. M. Petherick, also Mrs.

(Rev.) H. B. Neal on the former

District Ex.

Reported in 1960 were: After-

noon Auxiliary, 49 members, con-

tributing $768.00; Evening Aux-

iliary, 59 members, contributing

$1,087.00. (The Evening Auxil-

iary having graduated from the

one time Mission Circle).

Mission Band, 32 members, con-

tributing $50.00.

Note: Mrs. Ashton was for

many years a Conference Branch

Leader in Mission Bands. Mrs.

Hammond was the first Record-

ing Secretary of the new Presby-

terial elected in Trinity Church,

Cobourg, on April 20, 1926.

CAMPBELLFORD EVENING

AUXILIARY

In 1937 or 1938 Mrs. Mills took

over the Mission Circle and re-or-

ganized it as an Evening Auxil-

iary. Under her leadership the

Auxiliary became strong and ac-

tive.

Presidents serving through the

years were: Mesdames Mills,

Pierce, Marjorie Johnston, Edna

Cochrane, Gladys Sills, Isobel Mc-

Master, Miss Dorothy Kingston,

Mrs. Ruth Holmes, Joyce Gunter,

Beatrice Horsman, Mrs. June

Bennett, (repeating in office)

Mrs. Ruth Holmes.

When the Auxiliary was form-

ed under Mrs. Mills, the member-

ship was 30. At the close of

W.M.S. history the membership

was 60. During the last 2 years

over $1,009.00 a year was sent to

the Branch TreASrurer.

STORY OF THE YEARS

CARMAN Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in 1912 by

the late Mrs. W. S. Boyce, wife

of the pastor on the Smithfield

circuit at that time.

The first president was the late

Mrs. Joel Maybee, other officers

being Mrs. Milton Maybee, Mrs.

Rickard Morgan and Mrs. And-

rew German. Twenty-five annual

members and one Life Member

are recorded during the first

year. $57.10 was sent to the

Treasurer the first year.

During the past fifty years, 22

presidents have held office; four

of our past presidents have held

Presbyterial offices in Cobourg

Presbyterial. The second presi-

dent, Mrs. J. L. Ross was vice-

president of Belleville Presbyter-

ial. One of our past presidents,

Mrs. Hedley Ireland of Brighton,

has served on the Cobourg Pres-

byterial Executive for a period

of fifteen years. Other past pres-

idents on the executive were:

Mrs. George Adams, Christian

Citizenship Secretary; Mrs. Ever-

ett Coltman, Supply Secretary;

Mrs. Harold Morgan, Baby Band

Secretary, and later First Vice-

President. Mrs. Maurice Bulman

was Literature Secretary for a

term.

There have been six Life Mem-

bers during the years.

The Sectional Rally has been

held at Carman at least 6 times.

Bales of clothing and quilts

have been sent overseas each

year. A layette and other articles

have been donated to an orphan-

age in Africa. New dresses for

girls of all ages up to fourteen

were also sent to the orphanage.

In September 1937 the twenty-

fifth anniversary of our Society

was observed with several other

societies being guests.

On August 30, 1961, the 50th

year since organization was held

at the church with a special cele-

bration. One hundred and fifty

were in attendance, at a day long

to be remembered, when former

residents of this community and

members of the W.M.S. renewed

acquaintance. One of the high-

lights of the day was the pres-

ence of the Second President,

Mrs. J. L. Ross of Wellington, the

only living charter member who

recently passed her 80th birth-

day, and her daughter Mrs. Ken-

neth Woodsworth of Toronto,

well known as a former member

of the Dominion Board of the

W.M.S. The daughter, grand-

daughter and great-granddaugh-

ter of the organizer of the Soci-

ety, Mrs. W. S. Boyce, were also

among the guests.

As in the first year of organ-

ization, the number of members

for 1961 are 25 annual and one

Life Member, but the allocation

for 1961 was $507.00, as compar-

ed to the sum of $57.00 sent in

1912.

The president for the closing

year 1960 - 1961, was Mrs. Har-

old Morgan.

CASTLETON W.M.S.

In December 1886, a Mrs.

Massey came to the Methodist

Church, Castleton, and organized

a Woman's Missionary Society

with a membership of 28. The

first president was Miss Drusilla

Richards, a school teacher, and

in 1887 the W.M.S. raised $16.30.

In 1891 Mrs. Doyle, mother of the

late Senator Iva Fallis, was pres-

ident and the givings had increa-

sed to $53.00. During the early

years several ministers' wives

served as presidents. In 1893 our

Auxiliary became a member of

the new Bay of Quinte Branch.

Mrs. R. S. Newman became pre-

sident in 1918 and served for 14

years, thus covering the period

of Church Union. Some grand old

ladies who served faithfully for

long terms were Mrs. Elgie

Moore, a treasurer; Mrs. Charles

Nicholl, a secretary; Mrs. Nathan

Gaffield, a president; Mrs. James

Honeywell, a secretary, and later

a president; and Mrs. Ben And-

rus who was blind.

The envelope system of giving

was adopted in 1940 while Mrs.

G. Welton, daughter of Mrs.

Newman, was president. In 1948

the Baby Band was organized by

Mrs. J. C. McKague who also

served as treasurer of Auxiliary

and later as president. A secre-

tary with many years of service

was the late Mrs. A. Kemp. Rec-

ords show that there had been a

Mission Band but it had disband-

ed due to lack of leadership. Ab-

out 8 years ago it was re-organ-

ized by Mrs. G. Ellis and Mrs J

C. McKague.

In 1956 we celebrated our 70th

Anniversary with Mrs. J. H. Mc-

Kinney, as speaker, former mem-

bers and neighbouring Auxiliar-

ies as guests. The three eldest

members did the honours, Mrs. D.

Arkles and Miss Farrell poured

tea and Mrs. G. Harnden, mother

of the president, Mrs. H. I. Alien,

cut the birthday cake. Then in

October 1961 we had a special

meeting for our 75th Anniversary

with Mrs. S. J. Gray, guest spea-

ker, two older members, Mrs. W.

Day and Mrs. Leach pouring tea

and Mrs. Harnden again cutting

the cake.

Through the years we have

presented numerous life member-

ships and others have made

themselves life members. We

close this year 1961 with 7 Life

and 14 Annual Members. Since

their beginning in 1930, 4 Sec-

tional Rallies have been held in

Castleton Church.

Our last president is Mrs. Gor-

don Carr, a granddaughter of a

charter member, the late Mrs.

Anthony May. Four Auxiliary

presidents and a minister's wife

served on Presibyterial Executive;

Mrs. R. S. Newman as Corres-

ponding Secretary, 1928-31; Mrs.

(Rev.) M. L. Hinton, as Press

Secretary, 1934-37, then as Temp-

erance Secretary, 1937-41; Mrs.

G. Welton, Secretary of Mission

Circles, 1951-55; Mrs. H. I. Alien

as Vice-President of Eastern Sec-

tion, 1950-54, as 1st Vice-presi-

dent, 1956-60, as President of Co-

bourg Presbyterial, 1960-61, and

Delegate t o Dominion Board,

1960.

We are thankful to have again

succeeded in raising our alloca-

tion which is $449.00 for 1961.

Castleton is proud to have ach-

ieved 75 years of service as a

Woman's Missionary Society.

CENTRETON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Centreton Branch of the

Woman's Missionary Society of

the Methodist Church, was organ-

ized in the year 1902, by Mrs. J.

W. Roberts, Grafton, Cobourg

District Organizer. The first year

there was a membership of 17,

with an average attendance of 10.

The next year the Society had 21

members, the most recorded in

any year since that time. The

first president was Mrs. (Rev.)

M. E. Sexsmith, the wife of the

minister of the Circuit, which at

that time included Grafton and

Wicklow as well as Centreton.

The other officers were: 1st

Vice-President, Mrs. John Eddy;

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. C. Wil-

ton; Rec. Secretary, L. McCutch-

eon;;Cor. Secretary, E. Holland;

Treasurer, M. Osborne.

Members were: Mesdames Sar-

gant, Mallory, Stewart, Miss Mc-

Bride, Mesdames Score, Gillespie,

Wright, Jennings, McCutcheon,

W. Stewart, McKenzie, Etcher,

Binney, Miss Jennings, Honorary

Member, Rev. Sexsmith.

The presiaentSt^serving from

the time of organization until

Church Union were as follows:

Mesdames Sexsmith, Chas. Wilt-

on, Ben Stewart, Pearl Slade,

(Rev.) A. B. Frederick, D. Blod-

gett, (Rev.) J. E. Glover, (Rev.)

J- N. Lovelace, W. J. McKenzie.

A complete list of presidents

since 1925 is not available but

some were Mesdames B. Stewart,

D. Blodgett, W. J. McKenzie,

Stanley McBride, J. R. McBride

(the latter serving many terms).

A complete record of sixty

years of service is not available,

but the facts on hand reveal that

allocations were received and in

most cases met during the years.

Bales of clothing were packed

for relief work; supplies, such as

quilts, mittens, scarves, child-

ren's clothing, dresses, etc., were

sent to missions; bazaars and

teas were held; Thank-offering

meetings to which sister societies

were invited were held; Mite-

boxes were used, then the mon-

thly offering envelope.

In 1902 the amount of money

sent to the W.M.S. Treasurer of

the Branch was $4.00; after that

the amount was from $28.00 to

$200.00. In later years the mem-

bership decreased, owing to chan-

ges in the community.

In 1952 Centreton W.M.S. cele-

brated the 50th ( Golden) Anni-

versary by inviting neighboring

Auxiliaries to a meeting held in

the Church. The speaker was

Mrs. (Rev.) Gardiner, Presbyter-

ial President, and the visiting la-

dies assisted in the program with

musical numbers. Lunch, includ-

ing anniversary cake was served

in the hall and a friendship hour

enjoyed. Short speeches by some

of the ladies brought to a conclu-

?i(-n a pleasant afternoon of

Christian fellowship.

Through the years, meetings

have been held monthly with pro-

grammes of devotion, study and

business concerning the work to

be done.

A Mission Band was organized

by Mrs. J. E. Glover about 1920,

and assisted financially, and don-

ations were made to "The Rest

Fund" and "Chentu Cot."

Delegates were sent to District

Conventions and brought back

reports. In recent years delegates

attended Presbyterial and Sec-

tional Rallies.

Serving on District and Presby-

terial Executives were: Mrs.

(Rev.) J. N. Lovelace, Mrs. J. R.

McBride, Mrs. R. Stewart.

In 1961 the last year as a Wo-

man's Missionary Society, with

five members, Centreton met the

Kerr, M. Wilson.

In 1896-97 King and Division

St. Auxiliaries united and were

then known as "Cobourg Wo-

man's Missionary Society". The

officers elected were: President,

Mrs. J. Kines; 1st Vice-President,

Mrs. McBride; 2nd Vice-Presid.

ent, Mrs. Willis; Recording Sec-

retary, Miss Stevenson; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Miss McEvers;

Treasurer, Mrs. W. Hopper.

Members: Mesdames T Gib-

bard, S. T. Bartlett, C. Ward, G.

Ward, Wm. Buck, R. Wilson, W.

Kerr, J. Henderson, E. Guillett,

C. Minaker, Jas. Crossen, J. D'

Roberts, H. Rosevear, Hoskin

English, Webb, Hayden, Hare, W.

Minnies, Henderson, O'Dell, H.

Crozier, Harper, M. Jex, W. H.

Hopper, Misses Howard, Culver

A. Wilson, M. Wilson.

Presidents remembered as ser-

ving during the ensuing years:

Miss Jones, Mesdames R. Wilson,

C. Ward, W. H. Smith, W. Pen-

gelly, Jas. Crossen, D. W. Mc-

Camus, J. Kines, Rutledge.

On March 9th, 1926, .following

Church Union, the Cobourg Wo-

man's Missionary Society was re-

organized with officers as fol-

lows: President, Mrs. W. J. Gar-

land; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. J.

McKinnon; 2nd Vice-president,

Mrs. Flynn; 3rd Vice-president,

Miss Mary Russell; Recording

Secretary, Mrs. Wager; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. James

Kerr; Treasurer, Mrs. Runciman.

Hereinafter known as "Trinity @

Cobourg."

There were 110 members in

1927 and the givings were $640.

Presidents as remembered ser-

ving during the years: Mesdames

Garland, Gillespie, McKinnon,

Wager, J. T. Field, S. G. Bate,

Morfon.

At the close of our history Mrs.

Morton was president, and the

1961 allocation was $819.00.

Serving on the District Execu.

allocation of $192.00 and hope to

carry on, in the new organization

to the best of their ability, with

God's help.

"Every ability is a specific

trust from God, and the reward

for faithful stewardship is the

joy of service."

COBOURG WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In the early days Cobourg had

two Auxiliaries. King St. Method-

ist Church Woman's Missionary

Society was organized on March

8th, 1888, by Mrs. S. Williams

and Mrs. Willmot of Toronto,

with a membership of 19, one of

whom was an honorary member.

Regular monthly meetings were

held with an average attendance

of 9. The amount contributed to

Missions the first year was $10.30.

The officers were: President,

Mrs. C. Copeland; Vice-President,

Mrs. (Dr.) Shepard and Mrs. Wil-

lis; Recording Secretary, Miss

Bennett; Corresponding Secreta-

ry, Mrs. A. Barber; Treasurer,

Mrs. Climo. Members were: Mes-

dames Copeland, Shepard, Willis,

Bennett, Barber, Climo, Hopper,

Gillbard, Alien, F. Alien, O'Neil,

Ward, Hare, A. Clarke, Misses

Bennett, L. Barber, A. Wilson, N.

Shepard; Honorary Members @

Messrs Barber, W. H. Hopper.

Division St. Auxiliary was org-

anized in 1890. The officers were:

Mrs. Rutledge, President; Vice-

president, Mrs. J. Burwash; Rec-

ording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Bell;

Corresponding Secretary, Miss

Emma Munson; Treasurer, Mrs.

N Burwash. Members were: Mes-

dames Fish, McBride, Kershaw,

Sargent, Wallace, Hopper, Pope,

Mitchell, J. Kerr, R. Wilson, Hen-

derson, J. Henderson, Stephens,

C. Minaker, Fetch, Roberts, W.

Kerr, Bain, Crossen; Misses Em-

ily Rutledge, Hazel Burwash,

Powell, Howard, Burwash, Brook-

ing, Jones, McEvers, Culver,

Lord's Prayer," accompanied by

Mrs. (Rev.) Luffman.

Mrs. Albert Bell gave the his-

tory of the St. Paul's Woman's

Missionary Society which had

been prepared by her sister, Miss

Edith Hoskin.

Charter members living are

Miss Margaret Eagleson and Mrs.

David Ewart.

The guest speaker was Mrs. C.

S. Patterson, Toronto, a native of

Norwood and first vice-president

of the Dominion Board. "We

must re-dedicate our lives and

study, pray and work," she said.

Rev. H. 0. Hanna of Gore's

Landing brought greetings from

the Cobourg Presbytery; Mrs. W.

McMann read greetings from Bay

of Quinte Conference Branch sent

by the president, Mrs. J. H. Mc-

Kinney, who was unable to be

present.

Mrs. Eldred Lean, president of

Cobourg W.M.S. Presbyterial, ex-

tended greetings on behalf of

the Executive and members.

Greetings were also brought by

Mrs. F. H. Dunnett, Brighton, on

behalf of Cobourg Presbyterial

Woman's Association.

An 'Honorary' and 'In Memor-

iam' service was conducted by

Mrs. Eldred Lean, with Mrs.

Arthur Jamieson reading the fol-

lowing names: Miss Margaret

Eagleson, Mesdames Wm. Dines,

Frank Fisher, David Dines, all

unable to be present.

'In Memory' since the 50th An-

niversary: Mesdames Wm. Mc-

Kinley, Alfred Eagleson, George

Mclntosh, Albert Harper, John

Bowman, James Gordon, George

Davidson, Wm. Gordon, John

Noble, Misses Mary McKinley,

Annie Moffatt, Mesdames Percy

Davidson, Albert Broan, James

Ritchie, Wm. Teney.

Cold Springs double trio sang,

accompanied by Mrs. Paul Har-

ris Mrs. Luffman contributed a

piano solo.

tive for many years as Secretary

was Mrs. J. G. Nichols; Mrs.

Skidmore, Mrs. J. T. Field, Mrs.

A. S. Cooper, Miss Russell, Mrs.

McCumion, Mrs. Jas. McKinnon,

Mrs. F. Earle, Mrs. A. Jaynes,

Mrs. Duffin, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs,

Morton as Mission Band and

Baby Band Secretary, then as

Western Sectional President, Mrs.

G. Wicks, as Treasurer Miss Ha-

zel Cannom as Circle Secretary

and Miss Kay Stickney as Citizen-

ship Secretary.

Cobourg Mission Circle had as

the first president Miss Hazel

Cannom, and the Executive Com-

mittee was: Misses May Ovens,

H. Thompson, Josephine Reynar,

L. Pender. In 1916 the leader

was Miss Vera Beedham.

A Mission Band, "The White

Star", was recorded in the report

of 1917-18, with Mrs. W. H. Hop-

per as leader, and a membership

of 35 @ contributing $29.00.

In, 1961, Mrs. K. S. Cooper was

leader, with 33 members and

contributing $32.00.

Many W.M.S. Rallies have been

held in Cobourg Trinity United

Church through the years, but

two outstanding in our history as

a Woman's Missionary Society

were, the inaugural meeting of

the Cobourg1' Presbyterial on Ap-

ril 20th, 1925, when' over two hun-

dred delegates arid twice that

many visitors attended.

The final meeting of Bay of

Quinte Conference Branch, when

four of the six living Past Presi-

dents led the devotional period.

Cobourg Evening Auxiliary was

organized in 1930 or 1931 with

Miss Joy Nichols as president.

Other members of the Executive

were Mrs. Barton and Mrs. R.

Parker. No records are available

but the Evening Auxiliary has

continued throughout the years.

Some known to have served as

president were: Mrs. W. Donally,

Mrs. S. Shorey, Mrs. C. E. Win-

ter, Miss Lora Pender, Mrs. A.

Bruce, Mrs. Frank Parsons, and

in 1961 Mrs. Stanyer was presi-

dent.

COLD SPRINGS WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Cold Springs Woman's Mission-

ary Society was organized by Mrs.

Cooke, wife of St. Paul's Presby-

terian Minister, in 1883, with 15

members; Mrs. Cooke was the

first president.

Presidents from that time until

1925 were: Mesdames Catherine

Thompson, James Wilgar, John

Gilchrist, George Kerr, John Mc-

Bride, Henry Eagleson, Miss Lucy

Graham, Mrs. Alfred Eagleson.

Secretaries during the years

were three sisters, Miss Agnes

Bowman (Mrs. Gillespie, Miss

Nellie Bowman (Mrs. William

Dines), Miss Annie Bowman

(Mrs. J. Noble).

In 1925 the membership in-

creased when the Congregational

and St. Paul's Presbyterian Chur-

ches joined to become St. Paul's

United Church.

On the occasion of the Fiftieth

Anniversary, Mrs. John Noble,

president, welcomed in gracious

manner, the 165 guests and out-

lined the purpose of the gather-

ing.

Of the original 50 members, 13

were present and each was dec-

orated with a rose. Mrs. Albert

Harper outlined the history of

the Auxiliary.

Mrs. George Kerr, Charter

member, conducted the memorial

service for those who had passed

away during the fifty years.

Mrs. F. W. K. Harris (Florence

Kerr), Peterborough, gave an in-

spiring address. She recalled the

days of thirty years ago when

she had formed the Jubilee Mis-

sion Band, of which her aunt,

Miss Lucy Graham was president

for many years. Miss Gilchrist of

Baltimore organized the Mission

Band. Mrs. Harris gave as her

closing message: "You and I are

builders, building temples of

eternal things; love, joy and

peace. It is because you and I

are eager to help others to the

Kingdom, that we are members

of the Woman's Missionary So-

ciety."

Letters of congratulation were

received from former members

who are not living here, and from

former ministers.

Rev. George Campbell, the pre-

sent Pastor, gave an address,

touching on the work that was

done by Pioneers, feeling that

the same spirit had continued

throughout the years.

Mrs. (Rev.) Mears, a former

Presbyterial President of Port

Hope urged all the members to

look to the future and use all

their talents to carry on the good

work.

Mrs. Laura Nixon Haynes of St.

Catharines, a former member,

sent congratulations and a poem

she had written.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

was an inspiring occasion with

many friends and representatives

from the following Societies pre-

sent: Bethesda North, Plainville,

Gore's Landing, (St. George's and

United), Baltimore Afternoon

and Evening, Bethel Grove, Beth-

esda South, Camborne, Grafton,

Wicklow, Vernonville, Welcome,

Canton, Cobourg, Afternoon and

Evening, Garden Hill and Fen-

ella.

Decorations included lilies from

Miss Margaret Eagleson and Mrs.

Fisher who were unable to at-

tend.

Mrs. Herb McKinley, President,

gave the call to worship and

prayer.

Mrs. F. W. K. Harris, Peter-

borough, who had been the spea-

ker at the Golden Anniversary,

led in devotions, after which

Mrs. Paul Harris sang "The

The offering was received by

Mesdames McMann, Ada Butfars,

C. Dunn and Miss Stella Watt.

Miss Edith Hoskin presided at

the organ.

During the service a Life Mem-

bership and Pin were presented

to Mrs. W. McMann by Mrs. N.

D. Mclntosh on behalf of Mrs. J.

H. McKinney.

Refreshments were served by

the members of the Woman's

Missionary Society, assisted by

members of the Woman's Assoc-

iation.

The following served as presi-

dents during the years: Mes-

dames John Noble, Dave Buttar,

Frank Shier, Miss Edith Hoskin,

Miss Mary McKinley, Mesdames

Wilbert Brooks, R. D. P. David-

son, Herb. McKinley, Melville

Dines, Arthur Jamieson.

Mrs. Melville Dines was presi-

dent at the close of the W.M.S.,

wit;b 29 members, and contribut-

ing $480.00.

Mrs. Preston Brown, wife of

Rev. P. C. Brown, took over the

Mission Band as leader during

their pastorate, and Mrs. Clifford

Harnden was leader at the close

of our organization.

Serving on Conference Branch

Executive "was Mrs. R. D. P. Da-

vidson. Servin^on Presbyterial

Executive, Mrs. Fred Ford as

Vice-President of the Western

Section, Miss Edna Jamieson as

C.G.I.T. Secretary, Mrs. N. D. Mc-

lntosh as Vice-president of West-

ern Section.

COLBORNE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Colborne Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in Febru-

ary 1892. The membership was 24

with an average attendance of 10.

The amount sent to Branch Trea-

surer was $36.88. In 1892-3 the

membership was 29 with an av-

erage attendance of 12. In 1894

the amount sent to Branch Treas-

urer was $50.00.

The officers were: President,

Mrs. H. E. Kennedy; 1st Vice-

President, Mrs. Sanderson; 2nd

Vice-President, Mrs. R. Coyle;

Recording Secretary, Miss A.

Simmons; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Miss Reive; Treasurer, Mrs.

(Rev.) Pope.

Members: Mesdames C. E. Dre-

wry, C. A. Gilbert, T. H. Peter-

son, J. Rieve, C. Larke, H. Gale,

J. C. Young, R. Clarke, J.

Smith, S. Young, Gordon Sim,

(Dr.) Gould; Misses M. Petit, L.

Fowler, Minnie Greer and Shan-

non Purdy.

Records available show that

Mrs. H. Kennedy continued as

president until 1900. Records are

not complete but it is known

that Mrs. F. Wilson was presi-

dent 1922 - 1932. Mrs. Wesley

Bellamy and the following: Mrs.

Vandevoort, Mrs. (Rev.) S. C.

Moore, Mrs. (Rev.) H. Partridge,

Mrs. F. M. Brintnell, Mrs. May

Roberts, Mrs. McLaughlan, Mrs.

Leonard Gordon, Mrs. (Rev.) F.

M. Taylor, Mrs. Mills, President

at the close of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Society. The membership

at that time was 18 annual mem-

bers and 17 Life Members. The

amount sent for allocation was

$714.00, and expense fund was

$54.89. Meetings were held every

month and Autumn and Easter

Thankoffering were special meet-

ings.

One outstanding occasion was

when members from several Aux-

iliaries gathered in Colborne Un-

ited Church to meet and hear a

distinguished guest, Mrs. Ken-

neth Masih, North India. Mrs.

Masih, a granddaughter of a Mos-

lem millionaire, who sacrificed

his wealth and home to become a

Christian, is a beautiful young

Indian woman who wore the

graceful sari of her native land.

She expressed her gratitude of

the hospitality of Canadian wo-

men. The impression she would

carry home from Canada would

not be chiefly of the majesty of

the Rocky Mountains and the

prairies, nor the beautiful colors

of Ontario Autumn (it was then

October), but the warmth and

cordiality of the Canadian wo-

men, and the opportunity for

glimpses into Canadian life with

growth of understanding, so nec-

essary now between Eastern and

Western lands.

On this occasion Mrs. H. Ire-

land, Presbyterial President, and

other officers were present, in-

cluding Mrs. M. Wright, Presby-

terial Secretary for C.G.I.T.

Groups, with some 50 girls from

several churches. At the close of

the meeting a rally of the C.G.I.T.

was held with the girls from

Mrs. A. B. Griffith's Group acting

as hostesses.

The Presbyterial's gift to Mrs.

Masih was a donation of $32.00

towards a refrigeration gift from

Canadian W.M.S. members. A

letter of appreciation from Mrs.

Masih was read at 1955 annual

meeting in January.

(A complete report of this

meeting with Mrs. Masih and her

message was given to Mrs. Eld-

red Lean, custodian of the scrap-

book, by Mrs. Leonard Gordon,

for preservation).

Another outstanding event was

the occasion of the 40th Anni-

versary in 1932 when guest spea-

kers were Mrs. J. W. Roberts and

Mrs. (Rev.) Mears, former Pres-

byterial Presidents. Mrs. Pearse

gave reminiscences of the years,

and a Life Membership Certific-

ate and Pin were presented by

Mrs. W. A. Moore to Mrs. F. Wil-

son, who had been President for

ten years.

Members who have served on

Presbyterial Executive were Mrs.

J. T. Wilson, Mrs. (Rev.) Part-

ridge, Mrs. May Roberts, Mrs.

Baxter, Mrs. Mills, Miss Shand.

FRANKFORD WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Frankford Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in 1889 by

Mrs. Levi Massey, District Org-

anizer; records are not available

for the first few years. The first

record we have shows that the

officers were: President, Mrs. H.

Bryant; 1st Vice-President, Mrs.

J. W. Hendricks; 2nd Vice-presi-

dent, Mrs. J. H. Ward; Recording

Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Weese; Cor-

responding Secretary, Mrs. W. R.

Phillip; Treasurer, Mrs. G.

Marsh.

The first record of members

was: Mesdames (Rev.) R. Taylor,

J. Chapman, D. F. Rose, George

Potter, H. Currey, M. Welbourne,

Wm. Chishoime, A. Fox, C.

Wayht, Wm. Rose, C. Shorey,

Geo. Ross, A. Chapman, Chap-

man, T. Gunter, S. Smith, Jones

Smith, N. Bonisteel, Misses Ward,

McDonald, Florence Taylor, Pearl

Taylor, Ruby Taylor, Minnie Hun-

ter. Honorary members: Rev. R.

Taylor, Howard Taylor; 31 mem-

bers, average attendance 12; am-

ount sent to the Branch Treasur-

er, $64.19.

1890 was described as a year

of encouraging prosperity. The

members felt that they had rea-

son to thank God and take cour-

age; the increase in members

and funds was largely in advance

of last year.

The members were glad to have

Mrs. Levi Massey with them, and

were strengthened by her enthus-

iastic appeal to women, the result

being an addition of several new

members. Three public meetings

were held, each being a success

and $1.00 was sent to the Crosby

Girl's Home. We are pleased to

see a growing interest in this

great work and we are confident

that we are engaged in an under-

taking which will meet with Div-

ine approval.

were enjoyed.

Greetings were brought by the

visiting guests and a former Pre-

sident, Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. Lane;

the Past Presidents of the Pres-

byterial, Mrs. S. J. Gray and Mrs.

S L. Terrill, also Mrs. (Rev.)

Clarke.

Delicious refreshments were

served, Rev. Mr. Clarke returning

thanks. This memorable gather-

ing was closed by the benedic-

tion by Rev. J F. Lane.

Serving on the Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive were Mrs. Floyd Ketche-

son and Mrs. Cecil Reid.

DARTFORD WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Dartford Auxiliary of the

Woman's Missionary Society was

organized on February llth, 1892,

by Mrs. J. C. Wilson, District

Organizer for Bay of Quinte Con-

ference. Thirteen ladies joined

the Auxiliary at that first meet-

ing, but interest in the new org-

anization grew until at the close

of that year, there were nineteen

members and a total of $39.00

was sent to the Branch Treasur-

er. In 1961 our membership is 17,

and we hope to attain our allo-

cation of $330.00.

We are told that our first pre-

sident Mrs. Jos. Boyce held that

office for thirty-five years, while

Miss Lily Copperthwaite was Re-

cording Secretary for thirty-six

years. Surely this is a record

that will be difficult to equal.

We wish we had space to pay our

tribute to the many consecrated

women of Dartford Church who

have been part of this great Mis-

sionary movement over the years.

There were the members who

opened their homes so repeated-

ly for meetings; those who gave

freely of their time, their talents

and their offerings.

After Mrs. J. Boyce, our Presi-

dents were: Mesdames John At-

kinson, Wm. Runnels, Frank Wil-

That year there were 53 mem-

bers and $109.50 sent to Branch

Treasurer.

A few of the Presidents known

to have served in the early days

were: Mesdames J. W. Hendricks

(for many years), George Bene-

dict and W. H. Weese.

In 1917-18 Mrs. Hendricks was

President and Mrs. S. W. Myers

Secretary, with Mrs. C. M. Hen-

dricks as Treasurer. There were

38 members and the amount sent

to Branch Treasurer was $145.00.

A Mission Band, "Earnest Wor-

kers" was organized in 1896 with

13 members and contributing

$15.00. This continued through-

out the years and in 1961 wifh

Mrs. Preston Chase as leader and

38 members, sent $36.77 to Pres-

byterial Treasurer. In 1937

Frankford Circle and Band took

the District Banners.

In the year of Church Union a

Circle was known to have been or-

ganizer but no records are avail-

able. In the early days Frank-

ford was in Brighton District.

In 1954 Frankford Auxiliary

celebrated the 65th Anniversary,

having as guests members from

Stockdale, Batawa, Wooler, Zion,

Tabernacle, Sidney, from the An-

glican, Free Methodists, Pente-

costal and United Churches.

Mrs. Charlesworffl extended a

gracious welcome to all and cal-

led to the front the Past Presi-

dents who were present. They

were: Mesdames C. D. Powell, P.

E. Bonisteel, J. F. Lane, J. M.

Dafoe, G. E. Dickson and W. Mor-

row, also Mrs. (Rev.) Lackey, a

former minister's wife, and Mrs.

(Rev.) Clarke, the wife of the

present minister.

Mrs. Charlesworth then intro-

duced two members who had ser-

ved many years, Mrs. H. J. Ma-

dill, treasurer for 14 years, and

Mrs. C. B. Reid, secretary for 8

years. Each was presented a cor-

sage. Many messages in song

bership 22.

1935: President, Miss Gertrude

Knox; Allocation $90; Member-

ship 21.

1936: President, Miss Florence

Macklin; Allocation $90; Mem-

bership 21.

1937: President, Miss Florence

Macklin; Allocation $90; Mem-

bership 22.

1938: President, Mrs. N. Leach;

Allocation $85; Membership 21.

1939: President, Mrs. S. Leach;

Allocation $85. (Only $65 sent).

Membership 15.

1940: President, Mrs. Beach;

Allocation $70; Membership 15.

1941: President, Mrs. J. Knox;

Allocation $74; Membership 15.

1942: President, Mrs. J. Knox;

Allocation $70. Membership 15

1943: President, Mrs. S. Leach.

Sent Allocation $75. To Batawa

Church $10. Membership 15.

1944: President, Mrs. W. I.

Montgomery; Allocation sent $92.

Membership 15.

1945: President, Mrs. W. I.

Montgomery; Allocation sent

$95; Membership 18.

1946: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $85; Member-

ship 15.

1947: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $100. sent;

Membership 15.

1948: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $100. sent;

Membership 15.

1949: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $103. sent;

Membership 15.

1950: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $90 sent; Mem-

bership 12.

1951: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $90 sent; Mem-

bership 12.

1952: President, Mrs. N. C.

Leach; Allocation $55 sent; Mem-

bership 9.

On motion at the first meeting

it was decided to make each new

son, Arthur Ward Sr., Percy

Honey, Archie McCracken, Arth-

ur Ward Jr., Frank Atkinson,

Alex Lockhart, and presently Mrs.

Donald Pollock.

It is interesting to note, that

two of our Past Presidents have

grandchildren who have left our

community and are now engaged

in full time Christian service.

Mrs. Boyce was grandmother of

Rev. Leslie Hardy, United Church

minister at Bridgenorth, and

Miss Clella Hopkins, Missionary

in Angola.

Mrs. John Ackinson was the

grandmother of Mrs. Bruce Cole,

Missionary in Venezuela and Mrs.

Don Stezink, Missionary i n

French West Africa.

Truly it can be said of these

loyal Women's Missionary Society

members, "They rest from their

labors but their works do follow

them." It could be said of our

particular W.M.S. group that we

are both undenominational and

international, as we have mem-

bers too far away from a church

of their own denomination to at-

tend mid week services but who

enjoy our interest in missions

and our fellowship. We also have

several new Canadians who have

joined us and are making fine

contributions to the work.

Looking back over the years,

we cannot help but see that God

has richly blessed the work of

the Dartford Woman's Missionary

Society.

FENELLA WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of Fenella

Woman's Missionary Society was

held on January 8th, 1932. Presi-

dent, Mrs. Nill. Allocation $100.

Membership 23.

1933: President, Miss Florence

Macklin; Allocation $100. Mem-

bership 25.

1934: President, Miss Florence

Macklin; Allocation $100; Mem-

President a Life Member from

the local expense fund.

The following methods were

used to make money: Birthday

donations, Mite Boxes, Autograph

Quilts were sold, Egg donations

(price of a dozen). Sunshine

Bags, Monthly envelopes, Easter

Thankoffering.

Serving on Presbyterial Execu-

tive, Mrs. N. Chestnut.

HISTORY OF GARDEN HILL

W.M.S.

Before Church Union in 1925

there was a Woman's Missionary

Society in the Presbyterian

Church (St. Enoch's) at Garden

Hill, but no W.M.S. in the Meth-

odist Church near by.

Garden Hill W.M.S. was organ-

ized in 1889. The report for 1889-

90 says "Recently organized. Has

done noble work." The President

at this time was Mrs. Jamieson,

treasurer Mrs. Hamil and secre-

tary Miss Dodds; there were six-

teen members with an average

attendance of eight. $25.00 was

contributed.

Ten years later there were sev-

en members of the auxiliary, and

one member of the General So-

ciety (Life Member) with an av^

erage attendance of four. In 1898

the contribution was $24.00 and

in 1899 it was\* $19.50.

Just before Union in 1924

there were twenty-seven mem-

bers and the amount of money

raised $88.00.

Until Union Garden Hill was

part of Peterborough Presby-

terial.

In June 1925 seven new mem-

bers from the Methodist Church

joined, and two former members

dropped out to join the Anglican

Church. In 1925 there were seven

Life Members with twenty-seven

members in all.

In 1929 there were twenty-four

members with an average attend-

ance of twelve. The amount of

money sent to Presbyterial was

$219.26.

One of our most faithful and

beloved members, Mrs. S. J.

Gray, has been a member for 50

years and has held office most of

those years, being president sev-

eral times.

She is a Life Member and was

on the Presbyterial executive for

thirteen years and five of those

as president.

This year 1961, we have eigh-

teen members, two being Life

Members. We expect to meet our

allocation of $331.00 and are

planning a dinner party for our

last meeting to which our hus-

bands are invited. We plan to

have a history of our auxiliary

at this meeting.

We look forward to the future

in "The United Church Women"

with high hopes for greater

things for the Kingdom of God.

Serving on the Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive for several years as Pre-

sident was Mrs. S. J. Gray, also

Mrs. Mark Gardiner.

GRAFTON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF ST. ANDREW'S

UNITED CHURCH

In an historical sketch of Graf-

ton which appeared in a daily

newspaper and is preserved in

the 'Tweedsmuir Historical Book'

this statement was made: 'Among

the lost causes in Grafton recor-

ded and almost forgotten was

'The female organization,' which

held 'Tea Sales' to raise money

for Mission funds and ultimately

became the 'Woman's Missionary

Society.'

The records of the Presbyter-

ian Woman's Society were des-

troyed by fire.

The Methodist Woman's Mis-

sionary Society was organized in

1895 with 11 members and aver-

age attendance of 7. The amount

sent to the Branch Treasurer the

first year was $10.85.

less, Bert Hoskin.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts, District

Organizer, visited Grafton to or-

ganize a Mission Band immediate-

ly after Church on August 17th,

1913. This band was twice re-oro-

anized.

At the home of Mrs. T. J. Hos-

kin the Woman's Missionary So-

ciety entertained the 'Ever Wil-

ling Mission Band', who gave an

exercise 'Mother Goose and Her

Family', which was enjoyed by

everyone, young and old alike.

The attendance was 85.

Funds for Missionary purposes

were raised through General Ex-

pense Fund, Expense Fund and

Rest Fund. On the occasion of

the Silver Anniversary of the

Branch, the offering amounted to

$1.45.

In the early days they pledged

themselves to give 1 cent each

member, each month, for expense

money; some drew 25 cents

from the treasury to be used as

'Talent money.'

In 1913 Crusaders were appoin-

ted to districts. The Gully, Front

Road, and Grafton, to call on

members to canvass for funds

($1.00), and get new members.

Mite Boxes were introduced in

1918. Each member to take one

for herself and one for a friend;

to be opened at a Mite Box pro-

gram later. Readings were given

'The Use of the Mite Box'. 'The

Troublesome Mite Box'. The am-

ount ($4.07) received was so

gratifying that Mite Boxes were

again distributed.

Three Life Memberships were

presented by the Methodist

W.M.S.

Grafton and Wicklow occasion-

ally visited for special meetings.

Grafton Presbyterians and Wic-

klow Methodists were guests to

hear Miss Hinman, a Missionary

from India. An outstanding spea-

ker later was Mrs. W. R. Mac-

Williams (Bessie Winter of

The first President was Mrs. J.

H. Staples; 1st Vice-President,

Mrs. Wm. Hoskin; 2nd Vice-pre-

sident, Miss E. Munroe; Record-

ing Secretary, Mrs. 0. Lawless;

Corresponding Secretary, Miss E.

Lawless; Treasurer, Miss E. Mas-

sie. Members were Mesdames J.

McBride, T. Roberts and Miss L.

Staples.

The membership in 1896 was 15

and average attendance 7.

The earliest record to be found

was of a meeting on April 8th,

1910, which probably took place

in the vestry of the Methodist

Church, attendance 7; 6 were el-

ected to office. Following was

the annual meeting in April when

it was the custom to appoint or

revise the 'Heralds on the Watch

Tower' @ the Heralds reporting

monthly on the country which

they represented. Members sub-

scribed to the 'Study Book' (price

at that time was 70 cents includ-

ing postage), and the periodical

'The Outlook'. At these meetings

the collection was 25 cents.

Annually a delegate was sent to

the Conference Branch and the

report given at the July meeting,

which took the form of a Mission-

ary tea at a member's home. Lat-

er it was known as the 'Picnic

meeting'. The presidential ad-

dress was read at the August

meeting.

As early as 1913 the roll call

was responded to by a Bible

verse.

Bales were sent in November

almost every year @ the first

valued at $20.65; the highest at

$100.00.

One quart Gems (one dozen)

were ordered from the Deaconess

Home to be returned filled

(1912). Donors of these were:

Mesdames E. C. Roberts, C. E.

Roberts, P. Morgan, J. Hare, S

Fenton, T. J. Hoskin, Wm. Find-

lay, Miss Jayne, Mesdames E

Carswell, Geo. Immel, Wm. Law-

was the leader, and there were

45 members, contributing $40.80

to the Branch Treasury.

GORE'S LANDING WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Gore's Landing Woman's Mis-

sionary Society was organized on

November 17th, 1926, by Mrs.

Robert Barbour (our Minister's

wife) in the home of Mrs. J. D.

Fowlie, now the home of Mr. and

Mrs. John Policy. Seventeen

members enrolled. Past Presi-

dents are: Mesdames Barbour, F.

Pratt, Cheyne, (Rev.) Leach,

(Rev.) Mellow, (Rev.) Fisher, M.

Ames, W. Pratt, Miss Flora Mac-

Donald, Mesdames George Har-

ris, Milton Harris.

Miss Maude Neil was Secretary

for two months, Mrs. C. Burrison

for nine months, and Mrs. Joseph

Harris has been Secretary for the

remaining thirty-four years.

The Tenth Anniversary was

observed with a banquet in the

church basement. The Thirty-

Fifth Anniversary was celebrated

November 17th, 1961, when a tur-

key dinner was enjoyed. Mr. Sey-

mour proposed a toast to the Wo-

man's Missionary Society, to

which Mrs. Jos. Harris replied.

At the closing of our books we

have sixteen members. Six Life

Memberships have been present-

ed to members.

To date, through the years,

$4, 453.00 has been submitted to

the Presbyterial Treasurer, as

well as many bales of clothing

sent out. Contributions have been

made to the Building Fund of

the United Church Training

School in Toronto, and a part in

the Batawa Church. Flowers and

boxes of good cheer have always

been sent locally when there

was a need.

At the 1961 banquet, corsages

were pinned on the four Charter

members still with us, namely:

Mrs. F. Pratt, Mrs. T. Cheyne,

groups. In August 1933 the

W.M.S. had a picnic for the Mis-

sion Band and Baby Band. The

following year the C.G.I.T. was

reorganized by Mrs. German

Young who continued to act as

leader for 30 years, and was pre-

sented a Life Membership by

Grafton W.M.S

Mrs. Wm. Underwood led the

Mission Band group for 8 years.

Mrs. H. Bryson has been leader

of the Baby Band since 1942.

Summer meetings were often

held at Mrs. F. Harnden's cot-

tage, homes of Mrs. Underwood

and Mrs. Young.

The Presbyterial was entertain-

ed in Grafton in 1933 and 1939,

also the Sectional Rally on two

occasions.

1936, a joint meeting of the

W.M.S. and W.A. at the home of

Mrs. W. A. Hoskin, "The Gully",

in 1936. Those taking part in the

program were: Mrs. W. A. Hos-

kin, Mrs. J. Blacklock, Mrs. F.

Cameron, Mrs. J. S. Johnston,

Mrs. W. Heenan, Mrs. W. H.

Johnston, Miss Hutchison, Mrs.

Terrill.

We feel that the 'Grafton Fe-

male Organization' was not a

lost cause after all as there were

many faithful workers carrying

on over the years, the work that

was started, to greater achieve

ments and we cherish their mem-

ory.

Some of the names of Presi-

dents during the years were:

Mesdames Immel, W. H. Johns-

ton, W. Calder, Jas. Blacklock,

Fred Roberts, J. S. Johnston, K.

Archer who was President at the

close of the W.M.S.

In 1901-2 the records are repor-

ted as: President, Mrs. (Rev.) A.

M. Irwin; Vice-President, Mrs.

John Staples; Secretary, Mrs. C.

H. Winter; Cor. Secretary, Miss

Carrie Hare; Treasurer, Mrs.

Wm. Hoskin; Members, Mes-

dames (Rev.) Anderson, J. Stap-

Wicklow) dressed in Japanese

costume, with her husband and

children of Japan.

On March 19th, 1926, the Wo-

man's Missionary Society of the

Methodist and Presbyterian Chur-

ches met at the Manse to con-

summate Union of the two socie-

ties. The minister's wife presided

for the election of 9 officers. A

group meeting replaced the reg-

ular meeting in August to study

the constitution.

The Watch Tower Heralds were

still called to report but it was

spoken of less and less and fin-

ally petered out about 1932.

The Mite Box system continued

until the end and the expense

fund was raised by each member

contributing a cent a week.

In 1940 a Birthday Box and

Travelling Apron were used to

help the Expense Fund. Thank-

offerings originated in the Metho-

dist W.M.S. and were continued

throughout the years.

A Missionary for prayer was

adopted in 1922 and the mem-

bers readily chose Mrs. MacWil-

liams. In 1932 Mrs. MacWilliams

was home on furlough and gave

a talk on her work in Japan.

There were other special spea-

kers through the years, some

were: Mrs. J.'\*W. Roberts, Miss

Mary Haig, Japan,-."^Irs. (Rev.)

Nind, Grafton, Miss Rorke, Trin-

idad, Mrs. H. Hare, formerly of

Trinidad, Oshawa, Mrs. (Rev.)

Mears, a former District Presi-

dent; Presbyterial Presidents:

Mrs. Eldred Lean and Mrs. H. I.

Alien; Mission Band leader, Mrs.

Dunk; C.G.I.T. leader, Mrs.

Wright, and Mrs. Pitcher.

Church services took place oc-

casionally and the roll call was

always observed. Bales were sent

annually. In 1941 a theme word

was chosen for each month's roll

call: Love, Light, Faith, etc.

Grafton had capable leadership

i n developing the younger

les, C. H. Winter, W. Hoskin, T.

Lawless, Miss C. H. Hare, Mes-

dames C. Mallory, B. Mallory,

Caleb Mallory Sr., M. Winter, W.

Lapp, Trotter, Wm. Webster, T.

Hoskin, J. Coehrane, R. Hare, C.

A. Mallory, Scattered Helpers I.

Some members who served on

Presbyterial Executive: Mrs. J.

W. Roberts, President - 3 years;

Mrs. W. H. Johnston, Strangers

Secretary, 4 years; Mrs. W. Cal-

der. Strangers Secretary, 4 years;

Mrs. G. Young, C.G.I.T. groups,

12 years; Mrs. W. Underwood, 4

years, Mission Bands; Mrs. H.

Bryson, Baby Bands, 5 years;

Mrs. K. Archer, Press, 4 years.

On Conference Branch Execu-

tive: Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Vice-

President; Mrs. G. Young, Direc-

tor of Girls' Camp and Girls

Work Counsellor for many years;

Mrs. W. Underwood, Mission

Bands.

The history of Grafton W.M.S.

was given at the final meeting of

the W.M.S. by Mrs. K. Archer at

the home of Mrs. Mack Ruther

ford, when pictures were taken

and a social hour was enjoyed.

In 19@ when Wicklow Church

was closed the members of that

W.M.S. who were left transferred

their membership to Grafton.

Sharing our Christian heritage

and gifts with people less for-

tunate in all parts of the world

through the years has been the

objective of Woman's Missionary

Society workers. We are indeed

indebted to all leaders and mem-

bers who laid the foundation of

the Missionary enterprise even

into the new "United Church

Women."

The Mission Band was organiz-

ed in the Methodist Church but

no records are available until

the time of Union when the Ex-

ecutive was as follows: Margaret

Hutchison, Helen Johnston, Marj-

orie Roberts.

In 1960 Mrs. Frank Cameron

Mrs. T. V. Neil and Mrs. Joseph

Harris.

Serving on Presbyterial Exec-

utive: Mrs. (Rev.) Fisher, and

Mrs. H. Hastings.

HILTON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Hilton Auxiliary of the

Woman's Missionary Society was

organized in 1892. The first offi-

cers were: President, Mrs. H. R.

Fennell; Recording Secretary,

Miss Fennell; Corresponding Sec-

retary, Mrs. W. H. Poole; Treas-

urer, Mrs. J. F. Smith. The first

members were: Mesdames Shortt,

Crookshanks, Connor, 0. Morrow,

Misses C. Fennell, S. Breeze,

Shortt and Connor. Honorary

members, Rev. S. Crookshanks

and W. H. Poole.

Many of the meetings were for

the purpose of making quilts.

Several bales of quilts and cloth-

ing .were sent to Fisher River.

One amusing entry in the sec-

retary's book reads: May meet-

ing at Mrs. G. Waite's @ no at-

tendance; collection 40 cents.

The date was 1915.

The recommended Study Book

has always been used. In October

1923, the topic was "The Life of

Loser." His'journey through the

wilderness to Adolphustown, his

bout with typhoid, and his long

years of labor, for the sum of

twenty dollars every 3 months,

was recorded. Another member

read an account of Case and

Bishop, who preached through

the district from Detroit to the

Thames River.

In the minutes of November

12th, 1925, the Secretary, Mrs. G.

Little commented: "As the new

United Church is here and we

are losing our name 'Methodist'

and taking another name, our

president thought it helpful to

review some of the work accom-

plished." It is interesting to note

that the allocation for this group

in 1927 was $65.00. One method

of raising money was "The Mis-

sionary Tree", laden with parc-

els which were sold for different

amounts.

During the War years of the

1940's, the members found it

convenient to meet jointly with

the Woman's Association. Several

quilts were at these meetings for

the Red Cross.

At this time a Baby Band was

formed by Mrs. Sydney Cassan.

She later turned this group over

to Mrs. Norman Mutton and star-

ted a Mission Band. In 1958 Mrs.

Cassan organized an Explorers

Group, the first in Hilton.

During the last few years the

Auxiliary has sponsored a White

Gift Service in the Church, be-

fore Christmas. The gifts were

then sent to Earlcourt Home in

Toronto.

One of the presidents, Mrs.

Harry Hodges has been active in

the Hilton Woman's Missionary

Society for many years. She has

been president five times and

has supplied many programs.

Over the years, the Ministers'

Wives have played an important

part in the work of the Society.

In the minute book we find the

names of Mesdames Brookmire,

Crookshanks, Smart, Clarke,

Leigh, McCrea, Treffrey, G. Ad-

ams, I. Cumming and Van Wal-

sem.

At the time of Church Union

the Executive was as follows:

Mesdames T. Hatten, Lloyd Her-

rington, M. E. Hodges, George

Little.

In 1960 the members of the Ex-

ecutive were: Mesdames Van

Walsam, Roy Morrow, Russel!

Herrington.

Amount contributed to Branch

Treasurer in 1960, $176.00. Num-

ber of members, 10.

Mission Band leader in 1960,

Mrs. Roy Chatten.

Serving on the Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive, Mrs. L. Adams.

PLAINVILLE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Plainville women were first or-

ganized as a Mission Circle in

the Methodist Church in the year

1913-14. There were 26 members

and $17.00 was sent to the

Branch Treasurer. Mrs. Thomas,

Cole was the first president and

the Circle was organized by Mrs.

J. W. Roberts, District Organizer.

The Circle became a more ma-

ture organization and during the

years 1919-20, was organized as a

Woman's Missionary Society with

21 members. $44.00 was contrib-

uted to the Branch Treasurer that

year.

Known officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. Wm. Lander; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. M. F.

Ames; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles

Cole.

The following year the names

of Mrs. Annie Westington and

Miss Clara King were added and

the next year Miss Stella West.

During the years presidents who

served were: Mesdames Thomas

Cole, Wm. Lander, M. F. Ames,

Archie Bowman, Wilbur Cole,

Annie Westington, Louis Buttar,

Miss Clara King, Mesdames Glen

Cole, Leslie Carruthers, Clifford

Manley, Ada Westington, William

Herriott, Edgar Buttar.

Ministers' wives who have con-

tributed greatly were: Mrs. Bar-

bour, Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. M.

E. Fisher.

A Mission Band, known as

Victor Mission Band, was organ-

ized in 1925 just before Union

by Mrs. (Rev.) F. J. Horwood,

with Miss Ada Lander (Mrs. F.

Westington, leader (12 years).

The 25th Anniversary of the

Mission Band was observed when

Mrs. Ewart King was leader when

the Band took charge of a Sun-

day service. Mrs. Horwood, the

organizer, was present. Rev. F.

J. Horwood preached the ser-

mon. Written invitations were

sent to all former members. Sup-

per was served after the service.

The colors of the Mission Band,

green, yellow, white, colors of

the daisy, were featured in dec-

orations. White for purity, yel-

low for light, green for growing.

In 1930 the Woman's Christian

Temperance Union was organiz-

ed, and the two organizations

have worked conjunctively ever

since.

The allocation for 1930 was

$287.00 and for the closing year

was $425.00.

Life Members are: Mesdames

Wm. Lander, Hillard Dodge, Wil-

bur Cole, Annie Westington, Miss

Clara King, Miss Ida Morton,

Mesdames T. Cole, Archie Bow-

man, John Tinney, Ada Westing-

ton, Gerald Lander, Earle Joice,

Miss Clara Westington, Mrs. Ge-

orgie Carruthers, Mrs. Edgar

Buttar, Mrs. Alex Buttar.

Serving on the District Execu-

tive and Presbyterial Executive

were, Ada (Lander) Westington,

and Mary Buttar, one year as

Mission Circle Secretary.

Ada Lander as CGIT Secretary

in the District and Stewardship

Secretary in the Presibyerial was

Mrs. F. Westington.

MORGANSTON WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Morganston's Woman's Mission-

ary Society was organized in 1926

or '27 as a United Auxiliary for

the Charge. The officers were:

President, Mrs. E. Reynolds; Sec-

retary, Mrs. Burto Titchell; Trea-

surer, Mrs. J. C. Glover.

This Auxiliary disbanded in

1929, reporting a membership of

18 and having sent $47.00 to the

Branch Treasurer.

No records are available, but it

is known that for many years

money contributions were sent to

the W M.S. Branch Treasurer.

NORHAM WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Norham's Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in March

1889. The officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. (Rev.) M. E. Wilson;

Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Boyce;

Recording Secretary, Miss M.

Curtis; Treasurer, Mrs. William

Rankin. Members: Mesdames Cur-

tis, Denike, Vanblaricomb, A.

Smith, 0. Goheen, E. Cryderman,

J. B. Stone, C. A. Mallory. Aver-

age attendance was 9; amount

contributed to Branch $17.49.

No records are available until

1936, when Mrs. J. W. Flatt was

president. In 1938, Mrs. 0. Laver

became president and continued

until 1940. In 1940 Mrs. D. H.

Evans was president. It would

seem that the W.M.S. and W.A.

then became a Federation. Nor-

ham Church finally closed and

the ladies have been affiliated

with St. Paul's, Warkworth.

There is record of a Mission

Band having been organized in

1926.

While stationed at Norham

Mrs. (Rev.) Clare served on the

District W.M.S. Executive.

PORT HOPE'WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY^OCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Socie-

ty of the Methodist Church was

organized in 1886 by Mrs. P.

Fountain (who was made a Life

Member) with 30 members. In

various forms this organization

continued active until 1961. Few

records of this 75 year period are

available but there are a few re-

membered or recorded achieve-

ments.

The Methodist Church was est-

ablished in Port Hope in 1813

and the first Presbyterian Church

completed in 1831. There was no

Congregational Church in Port

there were 76 members and

$231.16 was sent to Presbyterial

Treasurer. The president was

Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. Mears and Ex-

ecutive, Mrs. E. A. Totten, Mrs.

P. Oke, Mrs. F. W. Galbraithe.

Other presidents were: Mes-

dames A. J. Moore, Belyea, J. B.

Reynolds, S. Hawkins, A. E.

Fulford, S. R. Caldwell, T. A.

Kennedy, J. A. Baldock, and Miss

Stella Bennett who was president

in 1961. There were at that time

38 members and $860.00 was

sent to Presbyterial Treasurer.

At the time of Union a Mission

Band was reported with the Ex-

ecutive named: Alaneen Shay,

Betty Garnet, Given Oke.

In 1961, Mrs. W. H. Lunney

was leader with 32 members and

amount contributed, $20.00.

On many occasions Port Hope

W.M.S. was hostess to Presby-

terial Rallies and executive meet-

ings and had the honor of enter-

taining the final annual meeting

of Cobourg Presbyterial, with a

large attendance.

The Afternoon Auxiliary has

enjoyed the fellowship with Sis-

ter Societies in the town and sur-

rounding rural churches. This in-

cluded visits to and from rural

groups and local Presbyterian,

Baptist, Anglican, and United

Missionary Churches.

PORT HOPE EVENING

AUXILIARY

The Port Hope Evening Aux-

iliary was organized in 1936 with

Mrs. E. B. Kelly as president. Dr.

Kelly had been a Medical Mis-

sionary in China, with Mrs. Kelly

as nurse and high school teacher,

there.

This new Society had a fine be-

ginning under Mrs. Kelly's lead-

ership.

In 1950 a member of the Even-

ing Auxiliary, Miss Frances Mc-

Leilan, a high school teacher, felt

a call to the ministry, and left to

Hope but one family entered Un-

ion in 1925. This was the family

of Rev. (Dr.) Daly, a retired

Congregational Minister. Mrs.

Daly became the president of the

first Bay of Quinte Branch of the

Woman's Missionary Society.

The first record we have of the

Port Hope Society was for the

year 1891-2. The membership had

increased greatly following a

'Crusade for Members'. The Rev.

R. Whittington had given a lec-

ture on "Woman's Life in Japan"

and a donation of six handsome

Japanese panels from Rev. C. T.

Cocking had sold well.

The officers were: President,

Mrs. (Rev.) Crothers; 1st Vice-

President, Mrs. Harrison; 2nd

Vice-President, Mrs. Milward; Re-

cording Secretary, Miss Wade;

Corresponding Secretary, Miss

Shepherd; Treasurer, Mrs. (Dr.)

Powers. Members: Mesdames

Burns, Outram, Jewel, L. Reyn-

olds, Roberts, Stephens, Foun-

tain, Trick, Parsons Sr., Green,

Hyde, Wickett Sr., Wickett J&,

Walker, Curtis, Beatty, Crocker,

McMaster, Neelands, Adams, J. L.

Thompson, Andrews, W. H. Par-

sons, Gould, Budge, Henwood,

Wilson, Baker, Ferguson, Thorn,

E. Mitchel, Hill, Greenaway, Chis-

lett, Leader, Hawkins, W. H.

Brown, Brownscombe, G. R.

Read, Barrett, H. Rosevear, D.

Scott, H. V. Sanders, Sarvis, J.

Reynolds, Oke, Goheen, Bying-

ton, Rundle, Coombs, Misses Carr,

M. Mitchell, Mutton, Choate,

Walker.

The amount contributed to the

Branch Treasurer that year was

$115.64.

Two of the early presidents

were Mrs. (Rev.) L. Young and

Mrs. (Rev.) Lanceley.

In 1917-18 the president was

Mrs. (Dr.) Shorey; Secretary,

Mrs. J. J. Read; Treasurer, Miss

Florence Wilson; Corresponding

Secretary, Mrs. Hutcheson.

After Church Union in 1926

complete studies and became an

ordained minister, serving in

Western Canada.

Miss Netta Brownlee, also of

the Evening Auxiliary, has been

active in the 'School for Leaders'

and more recently, Dean of the

young women attending the

school.

Among those from Port Hope

Societies serving on District and

Presbyterials were: Mrs. (Rev.)

Mears, Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, Mrs.

(Rev.) P. F. Gardiner, Mrs. D. A.

Shay, Miss Henwood, Miss Marg-

aret Moffatt, Mrs. Belyea, Miss

Evelyn Little, Mrs. Harold Beatty.

Mrs. (Rev.) Daly was the first

President of the Conference

Branch and the custodian of the

library brought into Union of the

Societies from the Congregation-

al Church.

Mrs. Harold Beatty was a dele-

gate to Dominion Board in 1953.

SALEM WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Salem Woman's Missionary So-

ciety was organized on March 7,

1891, in Salem Methodist Church.

Mrs. N. L. Broad, District Organ-

izer, addressed the ladies pres-

ent, then organized the Auxiliary

with the following members:

Mesdames R. B. Walt, W. Gould,

R. A. Brintnell, Misses Emma

Farrow, Janey Cooper. The offi-

cers elected were: President,

Mrs. R. B. Walt; 1st Vice-Presi-

dent, Mrs. W. Gould; 2nd Vice-

President, Mrs. R. Brintnell; Re-

cording Secretary, Miss Emma

Farrow; Corresponding Secretary,

Mrs. M. Dudley; Treasurer, Miss

Ella Gould.

The meetings were to be held

in the homes. Rev. E. Howard,

Miss Emma Farrow, Secretary,

Mesdames A. Stimers, J. Onyon,

Eddy were named a committee

to arrange programs. It was de-

cided to use the 'Missionary Out-

look' (a sample to be requested)

and a notice sent to the 'Out-

look' and the 'Guardian' of the

organization of the Salem Aux-

iliary.

During the years many quilts

were made and bales of clothing

sent where needed (one to Ald-

erville Indian Mission). An auto-

graph quilt was made and later

presented to Mrs. (Rev.) G.

Brown. Delegates were sent to

the Branch meetings: Miss E.

Farrow to Lindsay, Miss E. Gould

to Bowmanville, Mrs. A. A. Mur-

phy to Oshawa and Mrs. John

Farrow to Napanee.

Visits from Mrs. (Rev.) M. E.

Wilson, and District Organizers

Mrs. Walt and Mrs. Massey were

enjoyed.

New members were added dur-

ing the years. Some of the names

were: Misses Wellie Hinman and

Carruthers; Mesdames G. Met-

calf. Wall Dunnett, Miss Ella

Gould, Mesdames J. G. Thorne,

W. Cochrane, A. A. Murphy, Hen-

ry Ptrrow, Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston,

Misses Evelyn Gould, N. Powell,

E. Farrow, Daisy Cochrane, Jen-

ny Cooper, Emma Drinkwater,

Mary Drinkwater, F. Dixon, A.

Hinman, Mrs. W. Ives, Mrs. D. J.

Purdy.

Presidents who served during

the years w^re: Miss Wellie Hin-

man, Mrs. (Rev.>JHoward, Mrs.

(Rev.) Brown, Mrs. (Rev.) John-

ston, Mrs. (Rev.) Robeson.

In 1895 the Auxiliary was div-

ided, Eden forming an Auxiliary

of its own and Salem and Sharon

going together.

In 1896 Mrs. (Rev.) Robeson

was president.

Sharon continued with Salem

until 1904.

In 1918 report Salem is cred-

ited with 12 members and having

sent to Branch Treasurer $64.50.

The officers were: President,

Mrs. (Rev.) Batstone; Executive

members, Mesdames C. Peacock,

Jas. Peacock, F. W. McConnell.

At the time of Church Union

the officers were: Mesdames Jos.

Peacock, C. Peacock, H. Jackson,

W. H. Bellamy.

The last record we have of Sa-

lem as a Woman's Missionary So-

ciety was in 1940 when the Ex-

ecutive was listed as Mrs. R. A.

McCrae, Miss Maude Hoare, Mrs.

C. Gummer. Membership, 12; am-

ount sent to Treasurer of Pres-

byterial, $25.67.

Life Members were: Mrs. Ed.

Hinman, Mrs. John Cochrane,

Miss Maude Hoare and in 1912

Miss Janey Cooper who had been

president for six years, resigned

and was presented a Life Mem-

bership.

No record of the other part of

the former Salem Auxiliary,

namely, Eden and Shiloh, is av-

ailable.

From 1941 on, Salem (and

Sharon) W.A. and W.M.S. met

in a joint meeting and all money

raised was sent to Missions.

SEYMOUR WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Our Woman's Missionary Soci-

ety @ known then as Seymour

United W.M.S. @ was organized

in 1926. It was brought to us by

the ladies of Burnbrae Presby-

terian Church, who greatly en-

riched our congregation at the

time of Church Union. Our

Church at that time was called

"Stephens Church" on the Sey-

mour Charge, so the name "Sey-

mour United W.M.S." was given

to our Society. In May 1957, we

were very grateful to have our

dreams come true, and our new

Church was dedicated to the ser-

vice of God; the name was chan-

ged to "Hoards United", and

our Auxiliary as "Hoards United

W.M.S."

The first year we had 22 mem-

bers, and the givings amounted

to $168.00. Through the years

the membership was varied,

sometimes dropping to five or six,

and other years reaching the

teens. In 1934 we began having

joint W.A. and W.M.S. meetings,

and this worked out very well. If

we fell short on our allocation

we could always count on the

W.A. to help us out.

Presidents throughout the

years were: Mrs. W. Rannie, Mrs.

Jno. Rannie, Miss M. Heagle and

Mrs. W. A. Hume. Secretaries

were: Mrs. W. Hutcheon, Mrs. A.

H. Parr, Miss Jean Rannie, Mrs.

W. S. Milne, Mrs. E. Parr, Mrs.

W. Anderson and Miss M. Hea-

gle. Treasurers were: Mrs. F.

Heagle, Mrs. E. Rannie and Mrs.

C. W. Hoard.

The Mission Circle was carried

on into Union by the young lad-

ies of the Presbyterian Church,

and augmented by others of Ste-

phens' Church; this group contin-

ued for eight years. A Baby Band

was formed by Mrs. John Bick,

and this group has filled a very

worthwhile place in our com-

munity. We are also very proud

of our Mission Band which has

been serving the needs of the

children for some twelve years.

We have been very fortunate

through the years in having ded-

icated leaders, and we feel the

children have received lessons

in sharing with the children of

other lands that should help them

throughout their lives.

As a W.M.S. Group we have

used the prescribed Study Books;

have given by envelope; filled

our quota for the hospital re-

quirements annually; assisted in

European relief bales; shipped

good used clothing to the differ-

ent Missions in Toronto, and last

year we made several refugee

quilts.

This year as we graduate from

the Woman's Missionary Society

to United Church Women, we

had a membership of 13 annual

and 5 Life Members, with an al-

location of $306.00. We are plea-

sed to report that again we have

met our allocation ,and at least a

third more.

We, as a small group, are

proud of our past thirty-five

years with the Woman's Mission-

ary Society of the United Church

of Canada, and with God's help

shall step forward to continue, in

answer to the challenge from the

Gospel of St. Mark, "the gospel

must first be published among

the nations" and "go ye into all

the world and preach the gospel

to every living creature."

Serving on Presbyterial Execu-

tive were Mrs. C. Hoard and Mrs.

Clayton Thompson.

SMITHFIELD WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Smithfield Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in 1886.

The Executive was elected as fol-

lows: President, Miss Annie Ad-

ams; Vice-President, Mrs. John

Ireland; Recording Secretary,

Mrs. Malcolm Drewry; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Miss Ida New-

son; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Ire-

land.

Members: Mesdames Malcolm

Drewry, J. Ireland, Charles Ire-

land, Jerry Herrington, Misses

Annie Adams, Etta Ireland, Com-

fort Potts, Olive Scouton, Etta

William, Minnie Dolanage, Min-

nie Adams, Ida Newson.

In that first year with 33

members, they contributed $44.

Presidents who served during

the years (as far as can be ascer-

tained from limited records)

were: Mrs. (Rev.) Cleworth, Miss

A. H. Drewry, J. Fulford, G.

Smith, E. P. Flindall, S. J.

Sweetman, (Dr.) Parley, H. L.

Flindall, E. Hendricks, R. B. Har-

rison, Miss Ada Herrington, W.

Viola, F. Dayman, N. Blacklock.

A Mission Band, "Way-side

Scatterers", was organized with

President, Miss N. Drewry; Sec-

retary, Rosa Breakenridge, and

vey, who had been recording sec-

retary for 26 years, a presenta-

tion of a Life Membership and

Pin was made to her.

WARKWORTH WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Soci-

ety of Warkworth St. Paul's Un-

ited Church was organized in

the Methodist Church, Wark-

worth, on February 18th, 1889.

(Warkworth was then in Camp-

bellford District). Only one meet-

ing was held for 1889. The first

president was Mrs. R. P. Hurlbitt.

There were six members with an

average attendance of five and

contributing that year $54.00.

Presidents serving throughout

the years were: Mesdames R. P

Hurlbut, (Rev.) C. J. Wilson,

(Rev.) J. W. Totten, (Rev.) S.

McCauley, A. M. Hamilton, F.

Smith, T. G. Smith, (Rev.) J. G.

Lewis, E. Drewry, (Rev.) Butler,

Wm. Hurlbut, A. M. Smale, Miss

Ella Boyce, Mesdames Jim Ark-

les, (Rev.) S. A. Kemp, W. J.

Harper, Wm. Barringer, (Rev.)

M. Smith, (Rev.) J. R. Cooper,

George Helson, Lome Evans,

(Rev.) Lester, Grant Alien, Joe

Greenly, Dave Evans, Howard

Evans.

At the time of Church Union,

Warkworth was in Cobourg Dis-

trict. Mrs. W. J. Harper was pre-

sident and the Executive was

Mrs. F. G. Smith, Mrs. George

Bowen and Mrs. Ed. Thompson.

In 1891 a Mission Band was

organized with 18 members. Lat-

er it was divided in Junior mem-

bers and Seniors and known as

"Acorn" Band.

In 1961, Mrs. Glen Hancoch

was leader, 32 members, contrib-

uting $160.00.

The amount sent in 1961 @

$566.00; number of members 35.

Serving on District and Pres.

byterial Executives were Mrs. A

M. Smale and Mrs. Lome Evans

In the 1918 records we find

Miss Ethel Fox was president;

there were 21 members and $58.

was sent to Branch Treasurer.

At the time of Church Union,

the president was Mrs. James

Bates and at the close of our his-

tory Mrs. Will Pitcher was serv-

ing as president, having been in

that office some years. The num-

ber of members was 10 and the

amount contributed to Presby-

terial was $165.00.

We remember two secretaries,

Mrs. A. E. Wood and Mrs. Fred

Terry, and two treasurers, Mrs.

Fred Palmer and Mrs. L. Frost.

For many years the Woman's

Missionary Society of Tabernacle.

Stockdale, met on Tuesday af-

ternoon (the first Tuesday of the

month), but we were never suc-

cessful in securing new members

so have for a number of years on

the first Wednesday of the month

met with the Woman's Associa-

tion, the W.A. taking charge one

month and the W.M.S. the nexl.

Our allocation has nearly al-

ways been met every year, and a

number of members have each

year attended the Rally and Sec-

tional meeting. For over 40 years

we have had a Union noontide

dinner.

We entertained the Eastern

Sectional Rally in 1948, and the

Presbyterial in June, 1958.

Mention must be made of a

very faithful member, Mrs. Shel-

don Osterhout, who has always

assisted with her donations, al-

though she has been a non-resi-

dent for a number of years.

The officers at the conclusion

of our Auxiliary are: President,

Mrs. Will Pitcher; Vice-President,

Mrs. Clinton Cox; Secretary-Trea-

surer, Mrs. Percy Way; Litera-

ture Secretary, Mrs. Wesley

Brooks; Friendship Secretary,

Mrs. Clinton Cox; Citizenship

Secretary, Mrs. Royce Hannah;

Representative to the Official

Board, Mrs. B. J. Andrew.

Serving on the Presbyterial

Executive as CGIT leader was

Mrs. Will Pitcher.

ROSENEATH WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Roseneath Woman's Missionary

Society was organized in 1919 at

the home of Rev. C. C. and Mrs.

Washington, the Methodist Par-

sonage, Roheneath.

There are no records previous

to 1923 when Mrs. Walsh was

president and the membership

34. Amount contributed that year

was $168.52.

In the year of Church Union,

Mrs. (Rev.) J. N. Lovelace was

president, with a membership of

36, and contributions to Presby-

terial Treasurer $104.58.

In 1961 Mrs. Lovelace complet-

ed another 12 years as president.

The membership was 12 and con-

tributions to Presbyterial Treas-

urer $247.49.

Some of the presidents serving

during the years were: Mesdames

(Rev.) R. C. White, (Rev.) L. W.

Scott, (Rev.) E. Beech, D. Bris-

bin, F. Lewis, R. Crego, (Rev.) J.

N. Lovelace.

Members who have served on

the Presbyterial Executive: Mes-

dames Crego, Nill, Lewis, R. C.

White and Lovelace who was pre-

sident of the Western Section for

a number of years.

Mrs. T. Coyle, a faithful and

active member for a number of

years, was recently honored on

her 80th birthday by members

of the W.M.S. and presented with

a Life Membership.

A Mission Band was organized

known as 'The King's Workers',

and carried on throughout the

years.

Special Thankoffering services

were observed on Easter or Palm

Sunday each year.

On the occasion of the removal

of a Charter member, Mrs. M. Da-

continued through many years of

service.

Due to removal of leaders,

Smithfield Auxiliary was dis-

banded in 1959 or 1960 with six

members; the last contribution of

$145.00.

Among the members who ser-

ved on District and Presbyterial

Executives during the years were

Mrs. Sweetman, Mrs. E. Hend-

ricks, Mrs. H. L. Flindall, Mrs.

Frank Dayman. rEarlier were:

Mrs. Ezra Maybee and Mrs. Be-

dal).

STOCKDALE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We have learned that the first

Woman's Missionary Society of

the Bay of Quinte Conference

met in Albert College, Belleville,

in 1876.

In 1881, Mrs. Levi Massey of

the Belleville Area, was elected

ae president in Hamilton, Ont-

ario. .,

In 1884, Mrs. Massey organized

a Woman's Missionary Society in

Frankford, which included the

ladies from the surrounding chur-

ches, namely: 4th Sidney, Frank-

ford, Tabernacle, Stockdale, Zion

and Mabees'.

In 1904 the Stockdale Auxiliary

was formed ^vhicB included the

ladies from Taberfi'a'cle and Zion

Churches.

The first officers were as fol-

lows: President, Mrs. Ann Mc-

Coll; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. M.

Faul; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. W.

G. Bryant; Recording Secretary,

Mrs. J. Anderson; Corresponding

Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Hendrick;

Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Davidson.

Presidents serving during the

years were: Mrs. Sylvester Fox,

Mrs. Chas. Hannah, Mrs. (Rev.)

R. M. Patterson, Mrs. S. Oster-

hout, Mrs. James Bates, from

1925, when she became a Life

Member and was still a member

when the Woman's Missionary

Society concluded our history.

WICKLOW WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Wicklow Woman's Missionary

Society was organized on April

15th, 1891. Mrs. Broad, District

Organizer, met with a few of the

ladies in Wicklow in March with

a view to organizing an Auxil-

iary. Owing to the small number

present, she left it in the hands

of Miss D. Richards (schooltea-

cher), who organized the Auxil-

iary on April 15 with a member-

ship of thirteen; five more were

added during the year.

Five monthly meetings were

held with an average attendance

of eight. Seven dollars was sent

to Branch Treasurer.

Officers were: President, Miss

Richards; Vice-President, Mrs.

(Rev.) M. Mounteer; Recording

Secretary, Mrs. Bellamy; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Ro-

berts; Treasurer, Miss Minnie

Usher.

Members: Mesdames Dark, Da-

vey, -/Usher, Bowen, Wilson,

Flynn, Winter, Fenton, Insley,

Misses Doolittle, Hall, Locke,

Stratton, McCarI, Lumley.

At this time the Auxiliary was

in Brighton District and Central

Branch which extended from Tor-

onto to Belleville.

In 1893 the,Branph was divided

according to Conference limits so

Wicklow was then in Bay of

Quinte Branch.

The membership next year was

increased to 20 and $36.50 was

sent to Branch Treasurer. Miss

Richards made herself a Life

Member. Miss Lumley was elect-

ed 1st Vice-president and Miss

Georgie Hall 2nd Vice-president.

Miss Richards remained presi-

dent as long as she taught in

Wicklow and the Auxiliary meet-

ing was held on Saturday. Presi-

dent, 1907, Mrs. Bellamy; 1911,

Mrs. S. E. Roberts; 1913, Mrs. J.

W. Roberts; 1915, Miss L. Hall;

1917, Mrs. W. Winter; 1919, Miss

Members: Mesdames T. Cord-

en, Reeves, H. Hareourt, McAlp-

in, Hoar. The amount sent to

Branch Treasurer that year was

$13.00.

For ten years no records are

available than in 1910; Mrs.

(Rev.) Rorke was president with

23 members.

In 1917 officers listed were:

Mrs. Carscallen, Mrs. P. Holda-

way and Miss M. Best. There

were 18 members and $60.00 was

sent to Branch Treasurer.

Other presidents during the

years were: Mesdames Richard

Runnalls, (Rev.) Mears, W. E.

Lewis, G. Kellogg, (Rev.) Bun-

ner, Evelyn Martyn, J. B. Reyn-

olds, N. Chestnut and Margaret

Martyn.

For the last five years we have

had no active Woman's Mission-

ary Society but have still held

Spring and Autumn Thankoffer-

ings and have continued giving

financially.

Mrs. A. M. Symons was secre-

tary from the beginning of our

Society until 1926, when an as-

sistant was appointed.

Over the years the membership

has remained about the same

figure, and the interest in Mis-

sion work and the study of Mis-

sionary projects has continued.

At one time there was a Wo-

man's Missionary Society at Wes-

leyville and Morrish and these

Societies were often invited to

share our special meetings when

w had an outside speaker.

In 1919, Miss Luella Rorke

went to Japan as a missionary.

She sent many letters and re-

ports to our Society, having lived

here and having members other

family here, which helped to give

Missionary work in other coun-

tries a real significance. When

she was on furlough she often

spoke at our meetings.

Serving on the District and

Presbyterial Executives in the

past were Mrs. J. B. Reynolds,

Mrs. Evelyn Martyn, Mrs. W. E.

Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Martyn.

WESLEYVILLE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The first record we have of

Wesleyville Auxiliary of the Wo-

man's Missionary Society was in

1898-99 when eleven members

were listed and an average at-

tendance of five. $13.12 was sent

to Branch Treasurer. The offic-

ers: President, Mrs. W. A. Mea-

dows; Vice-President, Miss Brad-

ley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J.

Nichols; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Mrs. Sidney Bee; Treasur-

er, Mrs. Thorndyke. Members:

Mesdames J. Harcourt, Reeves,

G. Gordon, F. Cordon, Misses

Sharpe, Reeves.

In 1901-2, President was Miss

Bradley, Port Granby; Vice-pres-

ident, Mrs. Hoar; Recording Sec-

retary, Mrs. L. Nichols; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. Mabel

Wakelin; Treasurer, Mrs. Thorn-

dyke.

Since this time no records are

available. It is known that one

member who was a member in

1909 is living in Wesleyville @

Miss C. Darke.

WOOLER WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Wooler Woman's Missionary So-

ciety was organized on Novem-

ber 28th, 1893, with Mrs. (Rev.)

Thomas as President; 1st Vice-

president, Miss Nettie McColl;

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. W. Dor-

land; Recording Secretary, Miss

Lillie Bell; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Miss Minnie F. Crews; Trea-

surer, Mrs. J. Gould. Members:

Mesdames I. Richards, George

Rowe, E. McColl, Easterly, Hor-

sely, R. Bell, Holland, Miss Ar-

thur.

The meetings were held on the

first Tuesday of the month, with

L. Hall. A lapse in records occur-

red here but presidents in later

years included Mesdames J. G.

Waite, J. G. Findlay, W. H.

Knight and J. W. Winney.

In 1916 the 25th Anniversary

was observed and Colborne Aux-

iliary members were guests.

When Centreton was united

with Grafton and Wicklow as a

Charge, probably in 1908, Wick-

low was removed to Cobourg Dis-

trict.

The Cobourg District Conven-

tion of the Woman's Missionary

Society was held in Wicklow on

May 13th, 1910, afternoon and

evening. At this gathering Mrs.

J. W. Roberts was elected Dis-

trict Organizer and continued in

that office until the consumma-

tion of Union, then was elected

the first president of Cobourg

Presbyterial and continued in

that office for three years. Sec-

retary for 1910-11 was Miss Retta

Winter.

Serving on Presbyterial (and

previously on District) Execu-

tives were Mrs. J. G. Waite, Mrs.

J. G. Findlay and Miss Florence

Hall.

Wicklow merged with Grafton

when Wicklow Church was clos-

ed in 1954. President at that

time, Mrs. A. Parkington; Secre-

tary, Mrs. K. Taylor.

The 'Maple Leaf Mission Band

was organized in (or about)

1914. Leaders were Mrs. J. G.

Waite, Miss Bessie Winter, Miss

Florence Hall.

WELCOME WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Welcome Woman's Mis-

sionary Society was organized in

Welcome in 1900. The first list

of officers we have record of was

as follows: President, Mrs. W. A.

Meadows; Vice-President, Miss

Bradley; Recording Secretary,

Mrs. James Nicholls; Correspon-

ding Secretary, Mrs. Sidney Bee;

Treasurer, Mrs. Thornedyke.

fifteen members present. The

mmbership fee was twenty-five

cents each quarter, one dollar a

year. The paper was 'The Out-

look.'

In 1925, at the time of Church

Union, the Auxiliary was very

strong, with a membership of 84.

The president at that time was

Mrs. S. L. Terrill, and the secre-

tary was Mrs. W. A. Smith. Both

ladies are still living and active

members.

The contribution sent to

Branch Treasurer the first year

was $22.00. In 1960 the amount

sent was $413.00 and the number

of members was 20. 18 members

subscribed to the 'Missionary

Monthly'.

Early presidents were: Miss

Tillie Bell, Miss Minnie Crews,

Mrs. L. H. Rowe, Mrs. S. L. Ter-

rill (served as president at three

different times).

Mrs. Clarence McMaster was

president for seven years, 1932-

1940.-/Mrs. E. McMaster was pre-

sident for eight years, (1950-58),

followed by Mrs. (Rev.) New-

man, then Mrs. A. E. Arthur.

Mrs. Clarence McMaster was ac-

ting Treasurer for 20 years (1942

to 1962).

The late Mrs. J. J. Way was

secretary for many years.

Mrs. S. L.'TerrtlI was Presby-

terial President for four years,

and Mrs. J. J. Way was Presby-

terial Secretary (first Recording

then Press) at the time of her

sudden death, having begun a

Presbyterial Scrap Book which

was then taken over by Mrs. El-

dred Lean. Also serving on the

Presbyterial Executive were: Mrs.

C. McMaster as Treasurer and

Mrs. E. McMasters as Missionary

Monthly Secretary, and Mrs. Er-

van Scott.

Special events in Wooler Wo-

man's Missionary Society were:

The celebration of the 50th An-

niversary on June 8th, 1943. Mrs.

(Rev.) Nichol, a former member,

and Mrs. Carscallen, Whitby,

were the speakers. At this time

gifts were presented to Mes-

cames Easterly, Nichol and Rowe.

To celebrate the 60th Anniver-

sary, several Societies were invit-

ed by President Mrs. E. McMas-

ter. The special speaker was

Mrs. Spafford, Belleville.

An outstanding yearly event

was the Baby Band party held

on a home lawn (weather permit-

ting) or in the church basement.

At the 1960 party the attendance

of mothers and children was 65.

Wooler had during earlier years

a Mission Circle. At the time of

Church Union the officers were:

Misses M. Teal, Francis Terrill

and Stella Nelson.

The Mission Band, 'Gospel Sen-

ders', at the time of Union, had

as an executive, Misses Julia

Spencer, Lucille Sharpe, Marie

Forbes. At the close of the Wo-

man's Missionary Society the lea-

der was Mrs. Jim Putnam.

WOOLER EVENING

AUXILIARY

The Wooler Evening Auxiliary

was organized in the United

Church Parlors on October 23rd,

1946. The young mothers found

it impossible to attend the After-

noon Auxiliary already organiz-

ed. In the evening the husbands

looked after the children so the

group could be formed.

1947, members 28; 1948, mem-

bers 33; 1949, members 30; 1950,

members 34; Associate 10; 1951,

members 25, Associate 11; 1952,

members 23, Associate 9; 1953,

members 17, Associate 2; 1954,

members 16, Associate 3; 1955,

members 22, Associate 5; 1956,

members 17; 1957, members 17,

Associate 8; 1958, members 21,

Associate 5; 1959, members 18,

Associate 6; 1960, members 22;

1961, members 23.

Presidents during the years:

1946-48, Mrs. Laura Lattimer;

1948 (July-Dec.) Mrs. Vera Fox;

1949-50, Mrs. Faeola Crosby;

1951, Mrs. Alice Nelson; 1952 -

53, Mrs. Pearl Ewing; 1954, Mrs.

Dorothy Dorland; 1955-56-57, Mrs.

Faeola Crosby; 1958-59, Mrs. El-

len Smith; 1960, Mrs. Gertrude

McColl; 1961, Mrs. Eleanor Hag-

garty.

We sent to Rev. Floyd Honey

(while he was in China) in 1948,

$50., and in 1950, $25. Our total

amount sent to Missions, 1947 -

1961, $3,235.26.

Throughout the years we used

our Missionary Monthly for our

worship service. The Christmas

and Easter services were always

inspiring. The yearly program

was based on the Study Books.

We sewed, knitted and collect-

ed many, many pounds of good

used clothing for Missions.

We invited Wooler Afternoon

Auxiliary, Brighton, Frankford,

Codrington and Tabernacle @ the

latter to try and get them inter-

ested in forming their own Aux-

iliary.

In 1949, our group took on the

responsibility of Junior Congre-

gation every Sunday. We gave

every child a hymn book, when

he or she graduated to the adult

congregation. W e also took

charge of Mission Band the first

Sunday of every month. We en-

tertained our husbands at Dec-

ember meetings.

THEY HAVE BEEN GOOD

YEARS.

VERNONVILLE WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Records of the Woman's For-

eign Missionary Society (Western

Division) of the Presbyterian

diurch of Canada, show that the

Vernonville Auxiliary was organ-

ized on October 8th, 1886, by

Mrs. MacKenzie, mother of the

minister.

The officers were: President,

Mrs. McRae; Secretary, Miss J.

Broomfield; Treasurer, Miss

Broomfield. There were 5 mem-

bers. No other statistics were

given for that year.

The following year the officers

were: President, Mrs. McRae;

Secretary, Miss Gillespie; Treas-

urer, Miss J. Broomfield. Still

only 5 members; they contributed

$15.00.

In 1888 officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. (Rev.) Lord; Secre-

tary, Miss Gillespie; Treasurer,

Miss J. Broomfield. There were

12 members (5 being members of

the General Society). They con-

tributed $21.66.

In April, 1934, the Woman's

Missionary Society and the Wo-

man's Association had a joint

meeting @ the Woman's Mis-

sionary Society taking the Devo-

tions and any quilts were Wo-

man's Association. In January,

1936, a motion carried that the

monthly offerings be divided eq-

ually for these joint societies.

The money for the quilts still to

be for the W.A. purposes.

Usually a picnic meeting was

held in August and the Mission

Band and all the children in the

community for a get-together,

with a treat of ice-cream at the

close.

In December a pot-luck supper

was held with the Young People

assisting in the program; a pleas-

ant evening for young and old.

World Day of Prayer was us-

ually observed at the Manse with

Grafton members.

Presidents serving during the

years were: Mrs. Frank Sherwin,

Mrs. Chas. S. Rutherford, Mrs. C.

H. Gillespie, Mrs. Florence Lea-

rning and Mrs. James Deviney

who served as president of the

Woman's Association 1929-1947;

as president of the Joint Society,

1940-47, and again 1952-1961.

The membership in 1886 wai

5, and the givings $15.00.

The membership in 1961 was

15, and the givings $145.00.

Serving on the Presbyterial Ex-

ecutive as Press Secretary from

1936 until 1940 was Mrs. William

Gillespie.

Mrs. James Deviney as presin-

ent of the Eastern Section 1956

until 1961.

ZION AND MORRISH

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY

SOCIETY

Morrish Womans' Missionary

Society was organized in 1897,

under the name of Zion and Mor-

rish. The officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. S. Millson; Vice-Pres-

ident, Mrs. W. Walker; Recording

Secretary, Miss M. Welch; Cor-

responding Secretary, Miss M.

Tamblyn; Treasurer, Mrs. M

Welch.

Members were: Mesdames Be-

bee, W. Bebee, Gray, Miss Mar-

tyn. Total of nine members; av-

erage attendance five; contribut-

ing $5.00.

In 1899 officers were: Presi-

dent, Mrs. Gray; Vice-President,

Mrs. Walker; Recording Secre-

tary, Mrs. B. Dickinson; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Be-

bee; Treasurer, Mrs. M. G.

Welch. Members 6; average at-

tendance 4; contribution $6.00.

In 1902 the records show that

there were two Zion Auxiliaries

on Welcome Circuit; Zion Morr-

ish with seven members, con-

tributing $10.60. President, Mrs.

Gray; Vice-president, Mrs. W. A.

Bebee; Recording Secretary, Mrs.

W. Welch; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Mrs. W. A. Bebee; Treas-

urer, Miss K. Martyn.

Zion East. Seven members,

contributing $16.60.

President, Mrs. T. Whitehead;

Vice-president, Miss L. Lowe;

Recording Secretary, Mrs. G.

Kinsman; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Mrs. Wm. Boyd; Treasurer

Mrs. R. Kinsman.

In 1303 it appears that Zion

members dropped out but Morr-

ish carried on for some years.

However, we have no records un-

til 1918 when the following offi-

cers are listed: President, Mrs.

R. J. Rowe; Vice-President, Mrs.

E. A. Symons; Secretary, Mrs. M.

J. Osborne; Treasurer, Mrs. M.

Welch. Members 15; contribu-

tions $71.73.

At the time of Union, the offi-

cers were: President, Mrs. B. S.

Dickinson; Vice-president, Mrs.

W. B. Hawthorne; Recording Sec-

retary, Mrs. C. J. Lewis; Corres-

ponding Secretary, Mrs. C. J.

Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Os-

borne.

In 1946-47 the Morrish W.M.S.

apparently affiliated with the

W.A. but continued to send con-

tributions to Presbyterial Trea-

surer.

The Mission Band @ a live org-

anization with a membership 43

to 45 @ all through the years

carried on with the names of

Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. Best as

leaders.

THE END