

Societies may be working in two or three, or perhaps in only one small territory of heathenism ; but when reports one after another are heard from almost every part of the world, how much nearer seems the time when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the great deep.

At the opening sederunt of the Conference, Mrs. Blaikie of Edinburgh, President, occupied the chair. After appropriate devotional exercises, the roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. Matthews, of London, England. Upwards of eighty delegates responded.

Mrs. Marshall Lang, wife of Rev. Dr. Lang, Barony Church, Glasgow, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. She said that Glasgow, with its beautiful Cathedral and noble University had been called by Nathaniel Hawthorne the stateliest of cities, and those who at that time had remained in it, to entertain friends, would feel amply rewarded, on meeting those who, though at other times are separated by land and sea, were yet one in a common purpose and aim. A graceful tribute was paid in closing to the American Societies, from whom those in Britain had so often received helpful information and suggestions.

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, Edinburgh, of the U. P. Church of Scotland, followed, speaking on "Home Organization." She took as her text "She that tarried at home divided the spoil," and urged the duty of holding out hands of sympathy to those who are exposed to the trials, loneliness, and superstition of heathen lands, a sympathy not spasmodic but continuous, using whatever gifts we possess, giving our prayers, and consecrating our means. Central Societies were the engine or motor from which the belts should be long enough to reach every wheel in the machinery, from the largest to the smallest.

What are needed for Home Organizations are: I. Information. II. Enthusiasm. *Information* gained (a) from bright magazines, (b) from bright meetings, (c) from *catching* up opportunities as they present themselves.

Enthusiasm obtained (a) from the highest source—Love, (b) from the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and such waiting upon God as shall lead to practical results.

At 10.45, reports and greetings from delegates were presented, Mrs. Cunningham, Wheeling, Va., represented seven Societies in the United States, established through two hundred women pledging themselves to support the Foreign Mission work of their Church. The business talents of their women were now so fully developed that they were quite capable