

esses treated us to the best of everything—except water,—and of this last essential they gave us of their best—even North Toronto water.

The lecture-room of Carlton Street Methodist Church was prettily adorned with flowers of richest shade and coloring, and palms and ferns that had a stately gracefulness all their own; they cheered and helped us many a time when grave and perplexing questions pressed heavily; bearing to our ears, perchance with variations, the old but ever sweet message of "Consider the lilies."

We are not going to attempt a detailed account of this Board meeting. In the next issue will appear the official report from the official source, and we have no wish to trespass; but there are many little items that, for lack of space, could never be embodied in any report, but which may be quite helpful and interesting to the workers at large.

It is well-known that the deliberations of this convention promised to be more than ordinarily serious and important. Each delegate seemed so impressed with this fact that she did not venture to attend without much thought and preparation—the preparation which one gets from being often in prayer, and from disabusing one's mind from former prejudices—need you wonder then at the outcome?

Peace and quietness prevailed. Matters were adjusted as far as possible, that for a year or so has shaken our entire Missionary Society from centre to circumference. No auxiliary was so remote as not to be directly or indirectly affected. We trust, as a result of the settlements of the difficulties, such an impetus will be given to the work as will fill our Treasury to overflowing, as will send more missionaries into the foreign field and swell the ranks of our home workers into a vast and impregnable force. What we wish for ourselves we desire in equal manner for the parent Society.

The first evening we heard the report from the Supply Committee. Touching incidents were given of the great, yet comparatively silent work, accomplished through it. Poverty, sharp and biting, was in many instances robbed of its keenest sting because of the sympathy and help afforded. Could those contributing but have heard, they would have realised that their gifts were indeed unto Him, because bestowed upon His needy ones. In Nova Scotia a branch has been started to supply the wants there. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, in all one hundred and fifty, had during the past year lent a helping hand to this most deserving branch of our work.

Two of our returned missionaries from Japan gave vivid descriptions of the necessities and possibilities of the work in that Empire, stating that the most effective work could be accomplished through the schools and through the instrumentality of converted and trained natives. Their words struck a responsive chord in many a heart, and as we listened we fancied we caught glimmers of a brighter day-dawn than Japan has yet known. The claims of our Indian work were ably championed by Miss Clarke, of the

Indian Institute, Chilliwack, B.C., who is now home on furlough after six years of labor in the Institute. "The right woman in the right place" could not but be the mental verdict of all, as we listened to the graphic recital of everyday life in the Home and noted how the spiritual was intertwined with the physical in the life of the Indian children sheltered there.

The Treasurer's report showed the gratifying increase of \$571 over last year. This is but in keeping with the past record of our Society, for from the first hour of its inception, advancement and progress has marked its every step.

What the outcome of this next year will be rests with ourselves. God grant that with singleness of purpose and with unity of heart we, as a society, will work and pray for still greater results, still grander achievements, ever keeping before our eyes the goal of all our hopes and prayers, when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

Gleanings.

WE greatly missed from this Board Meeting the presence of some of our most efficient workers. They will receive a double welcome next year.

THE *personnel* of the Executive remains unchanged, with the exception of Mrs. Willmott, who for many years has so ably filled the position of our Recording Secretary, but on account of other duties declined re-election. Her place will be supplied by Mrs. Kerr, the efficient secretary of Toronto Conference Branch. We are pleased to state that Mrs. Willmott, by virtue of her office as President of the Toronto Conference Branch, still remains a member of the Board Executive.

Six of our returned missionaries were present, and were given a cordial welcome by the Board, of which they were at once made members, accorded all its privileges, with the exception of voting. Everyone was pleased to see them, and we could not be other than impressed with how much they loved the work to which God had called them.

A LETTER was read from some dear sister, name unknown, stating that she wished to bequeath her little property to our society. Cannot some more of us, stimulated by her example, "do likewise;" or better still, give a donation *now*, if possible, instead of a bequest later.

THE words "in harmony" and "out of harmony" have become such a thrice-told tale that some of us have decided to expunge them from our vocabulary, and just *live* out the former phrase without note or comment. "Blest be the tie that binds."

THE conclusion of the whole matter is this, we had a good convention, honored by the presence of the Master at every session, and more than once "our hearts burned within us as He talked with us by the way."

Fireside Chat with Discouraged Workers.

"FEAR thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We had intended to use the above promise merely for the year, but so many of you have told us how you have been helped and strengthened as month by