

LIFE'S ENRICHMENT

A Notable Union in Women's Work

It is possible to reside in a great cosmopolitan city for years and know little, if anything, of the many societies—religious, literary and social—that are doing so much for the regeneration, culture, and uplift of the community. But to live so impoverishes not only our own lives, but our family, church and national life.

The Annual Meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial Women's Foreign and Home Missionary societies was held in Mount Pleasant Church on June 18th. It was an epoch-making event, for the two societies were then amalgamated, and now the streams of their influence flow together into the mighty river of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

It was a remarkable gathering in many respects—for the members present—hundreds were there; for the able marshalling of the forces under the dual leadership of the presidents of both societies; for the efficiency of the officers, whose reports revealed much faithful service rendered in their respective departments, with very encouraging results; and for the able handling and quick dispatch of an immense amount of needful, but none the less taxing business detail. Wise judgment, gracious tact and generosity, the outcome of deep devotion—were again and again manifested by those who occupied difficult and responsible positions.

Very keen interest was taken in the new constitution, which was read and dealt with clause by clause—and when any difficult matter was being discussed a spirit of consideration and helpfulness prevailed.

The presentation of a banner for the best Mission Study Band of the year was won by Robertson Church. This is a new feature and may incite many congregations to adopt this very effective method of interesting their young people in missionary enterprise.

The ladies of Mount Pleasant congregation provided an excellent lunch for all present. It was greatly appreciated and contributed not a little to the success of the day's labors.

The devotional exercises at the beginning of the afternoon sederunt were conducted by four past presidents of the combined societies and it is remarkable that the past presidents for seventeen years were all at the meeting.

The Presbyterial Delegate to the General Assembly gave an interesting report of the women's meetings and functions she was privileged to attend. She quoted the following pregnant sentence from one of the addresses—"We shall never come to our own until all nations come to their own in Jesus Christ."