

Pres., and published in the Church papers, also covered the ground and would repay wide circulation.

WEDNESDAY'S MEETINGS.—After devotional exercises, with which every session opened and closed, the President's Address, the Presbyterial Reports and the hearing of letters and addresses of greeting from sister Societies occupied the forenoon. The President's address this year included items of business from the minutes of the Board not pertaining directly to the work of any secretary, and which have in former years been reported by the Recording Secretary. The most important of these were : 1. Mention of the good results of the deputation to the North-West. 2. A proposition that there should be only one secretary for the North-West, and that the Foreign Secretary should attend to the prizes for our schools in India and also any gifts for the hospital. This motion had been tabled after considerable discussion, as it was thought we were not yet ready for such a change. 3. Mention of misunderstanding and misstatements regarding the financial position of the Society and the steps the Board and the Foreign Mission Committee had taken to set the matter in its true light. 4. Reference to the loss sustained by the Society in the retirement from office of Mrs. MacLennan, and also to the marriage and removal from Toronto of the Assistant Home Secretary. 5. Reference to the annual day of prayer, and to the time set apart each week by the Board for special prayer for all the Schemes of the Church. The remainder of the President's address was full of interest and dealt with significant facts of recent occurrence in Japan and China. The address will be published in full in the Annual Report. This account is necessarily much condensed, and we have also been obliged, *very reluctantly*, to hold over until next month a synopsis of the addresses of our lady missionaries at Wednesday's and Thursday's meetings.

The Presbyterial Reports were even more than usually interesting and to the point this year. The reading of them by representatives from the various societies, including Auxiliaries not in Presbyterial order, took less than fifty minutes, and it was felt by not a few that to miss hearing them would be a loss to the meeting, expressing as they did, in a closely compressed form, the results of a vast amount of effort, some sacrifice, and without exception, a sense of privilege and great joy in the work. Allusions to the prevailing depression of the times were accompanied in many cases by a financial showing equal to last year and sometimes in advance of it, and the undaunted courage and confidence in God expressed in all the Reports filled our hearts with gladness and gratitude.

Letters of greeting were presented by Mrs. Campbell, Corresponding Secretary, from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, New York ; from the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, Chicago ; from Rat