

"Rome is the most intolerant and bigoted power on earth, and shall we as a Christian nation allow this power to hold sway in our midst."—Mr. Mitchell, Bolivia.

"Our spiritual resources are limitless but our faith is crippled, not because God's power is limited, but because of the lack of earnest individual prayer on our part."—Mrs. Ross.

The Spirit of the Unseen Presence was manifest in all meetings.

Home Mission motto "Canada for Christ" and "Our desire should be to make the foreigners coming into our land Christian Canadians."

The Band Conference conducted by Mrs. Dayfoot, Miss Dayfoot and Miss Trotter was exceedingly helpful and very profitable to those engaged in this very important work.

We congratulate the Berlin Band for the evidence of prosperity. It is the Banner Band for Guelph Association, having raised \$50 for Missions during the past year. We pray that the good work begun may continue.

#### NEWS ITEMS.

The Home Mission Board of our Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec is celebrating this year its Diamond Jubilee—sixty years of service. What has been accomplished through the agency of this Board in these two Provinces in the way of direct evangelistic work, in the organization of churches, in the building of chapels, in contributions of ministers to our own provinces, Western Canada and the United States, is beyond our ability to compute. As its work touches our Foreign Mission problem, the task is just as great. We can scarcely imagine what a disaster it would be to our Foreign Mission funds to have subtracted from them yearly the contributions given by churches started by the Home Mission Board during these sixty

years,—churches which, humanly speaking, would not have been in existence to-day were it not for this Board. And not alone in money is our debt to them,—a very large percentage of our representatives on the foreign field have come directly from our Home Mission churches. Without these churches certainly very, very many of these would never have been influenced to take up the work at the front. This alone is a magnificent service to have rendered.

For these and many other services, the Baptists from East to West, Ontario, Quebec, Western Canada, India and Bolivia ought to thank God very earnestly for the sixty years of service in which He has directed the Home Board. And not only so,—but we ought also to realize that the opportunities of the past years before this Board are small compared with the opportunities now before them, and that, if the church of the present has much to thank them for at home and abroad, the church of the future will have more, vastly more,—always provided that we fulfil our present obligations to them, that we provide them with the necessary sympathy and funds, that we realize that in this work, as in our Foreign work, the time of investment is now and the returns are sure.

Sometime ago a note appeared in these columns telling of the sending out by the Telugu Christians of one of their own as a missionary to their countrymen in Natal. The following extracts from a personal letter, written by Y. A. Lazarus, which explains itself, will be of interest to many, especially because he is a "vine of our own planting." Though sent out by the Christians on the American mission field, Mr. Lazarus spent a year in our Samalkot Seminary, and four or five