

problem of how to secure them, we must continue to devote ourselves.

"It may be of advantage to consider what means awakened an interest in some of them, who have given themselves to the mission work with grand results. Individual effort seems to have won more than anything else. If each member could interest *one* every year, the evangelization of the world would soon be accomplished."—*President's Address*.

"Are we with the Lord Jesus Christ in the evangelization of the world?"—*Dr. Boggs*.

"Our prayers for the evangelization of the world are a little irony, so long as we only give the fragments of our time, strength and influence to this work. 'Be strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work will be rewarded.'"

"Medical missions may be placed in the very front rank of agencies for the world's evangelization."

IMPRESSIONS OF MY FIRST W.B.M.U. CONVENTION.

By a New-comer.

Awake, and expecting a repetition of yesterday's sunshine, but what is this? A drizzling, foggy rain. Rather dampening to one's ardour, but a sunshining hostess at breakfast makes the world look some brighter. After a short car ride, we arrive at the First Baptist Church, of old historic Halifax. Going into the auditorium of the Church we think we are very early, only five there. A lady steps up, and in a very business-like tone says, "Have you enrolled, if not step through that door please." which we immediately do. Oh, no! not so early after all, we meet many ladies here, and eagerly scan each face hoping to find a familiar one, but fail. After enrolling, duly decorated with a delegate's badge, and making our way back to the audience room, we spy a friend who gives us a hearty handshake, which obliterates any homesickness that may be lurking about. A lady takes the chair, expressing regret at the illness of the President, Mrs. Manning. Turning to a neighbor, we ask who the lady is.

"Our Treasurer," is the reply.

"Where are the Vice-Presidents, have you none?"

"Oh yes, three, one for each Province."

"Why is one not in the chair? An organ-

ization of this size should have efficient officers ready to fill any emergency, instead of giving additional work to an already hard-worked official. No answer.

Then the Roll Call, we eagerly crane our neck to catch glimpses of faces, whose names are already familiar through the pages of the "*Messenger and Visitor*," "*Link*" or "*Tidings*."

Miss Hume, the earnest Provincial Secretary, of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Cox we were sorry not to see; Ah! Mrs. Foster, Superintendent of Mission Bands, whom our children hear from; Mrs. Blackadar, mother of our Miss Blackadar, at Vizanagram; Mrs. Ida Crandall, who so efficiently cares for the children's pennies; Yes, and Mrs. Martell, the faithful Secretary; Mrs. Gullison whom we have always wanted to see, and Mrs. Corey, too; A glimpse of Mrs. Nalder and other County Secretaries satisfies our curiosity; this to a new-comer is an intensely interesting feature. *Impressions*.—By night the personal pronoun *you* has changed to *we*, *we* belong.

The facility with which business was despatched was amazing, putting to shame general meetings of like nature. Too much material in each program, sometimes quite enough for two, thus not allowing time for the discussion of the different subjects we were expecting, we always had an idea these discussions usually emphasized, broadened and added to the thoughts expressed by the speaker, or perhaps adverse criticism would develop new methods and facts. But little discussion of papers was held, was it a lack?

The earnestness, enthusiasm and interest of each delegate for missions was impressive. All were thinking, talking and praying for the same object—enlargement of Christ's work in the Telegu land. The special thought for prayer to God, and earnest, tender pleading to the people was, more lady missionaries, more families for the Foreign field. May God answer those heartfelt prayers.

It was with a mind and heart filled with renewed zeal that we said "good-bye" to our old friends, and many new ones, all looking forward to a more successful, and by God's blessing more consecrated year's work than ever before.

We congratulate our sisters, of the W.B.M.U., of the Maritime Provinces, on their successful year's work and the very encouraging state of their finances.