

of books, clothing, toys, or anything that would be suitable for poor people in their circumstances, all gifts to be sent to Mrs. D. MacGregor, of Guelph, with the name of the school or society sending them.

After singing a hymn, a paper on "The Best Methods of Organizing and Sustaining Missionary Societies in the Church," was read by Mrs. Boulton, of Guelph. It was very suggestive, and we wish we could give it in full for the benefit of those churches who would like to have a society but do not know how to organize or carry it on.

After some discussion, another paper was read by Mrs. Wright, Garafraxa, on "The Condition of Women in Heathen Lands." The picture of their life is a terribly dark one, but what is the picture to the reality! In the face of all this, ought not we privileged women of the Congregational Church in Canada be thankful that we are permitted this year to bring "the kingdom" nigh to some of those women? The mission of the lady teacher whose salary we pay is to train young women and girls, fitting them to go as teachers and Bible readers into the closed zenana homes of the women of India to teach them of Christ. Let us pray, plan and work for the redemption of our sisters everywhere, but especially in India and Africa, this year. After a brief talk on the work, Mrs. MacGregor led in prayer, and in that petition we were brought to feel, in view of all that must be accomplished, how much of Christ's patience, sympathy and power we need. I know we all felt at the close of this session that we need to pray more for power from on high to help us.

A motion of adjournment was then carried.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Rev. C. Pedley in the chair. After singing and prayer, the chairman gave kindly welcome to the members of this Branch Society.

Mrs. Boulton read the resolutions that were adopted in the afternoon. After singing, Mrs. MacGregor read a paper on "Woman's work for woman." She spoke of the way in which this work was started, by whom and its present magnitude. The women of all other denominations in Canada have been engaged in it, but we have been slow to take it up, not following the good example of the women of Congregational Churches in America and England, who were among the first, if not the first, to work for their heathen sisters. We thoroughly enjoyed this paper, and, better still, were stimulated to greater zeal in this noble cause.

After singing, brief addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. C. Wright, D. MacGregor and J. B. Mullen. Their kindly words of congratulation, counsel and encouragement will not soon be forgotten.

At intervals during the evening the choirs of Speedside and Fergus rendered suitable selections of music,

adding greatly to the pleasure of the meeting. A collection was taken up, from which the expenses of the secretary were taken, and the rest sent to the treasurer of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions. The thanks of the delegates to the ladies of the church for their hearty hospitality and to the choir for their equally hearty singing were tendered by the president of the Branch. The meeting was then closed.—*Condensed from Mrs. Wright's Report.*

#### NEWS FROM SMYRNA.

The lady missionaries of the American School have returned to the city after their summer holidays. They speak of the heat as being unusually intense. Smallpox and typhoid fever prevail to an alarming extent, so that the school is closed to day pupils, and the boarding pupils are reduced to twelve.

The spirit of persecution is still active. On a recent Sunday, as Dr. Constantine came out of The Rest after preaching, he was accosted by a soldier, who roughly asked him, "When these proceedings of his were to stop?" Instantly a mob gathered about him, seized one of the Greek brethren and beat him most unmercifully.

The missionaries ask the prayers of God's people in this land, that they may be kept safe and the work be not hindered.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

This phase of missionary work was dwelt upon by several speakers at our annual meeting in Toronto. Among the ladies present at that meeting was one who had decided to enter that work. After coming home she applied for admittance into the Medical Missionary College, of New York, was accepted, and in the month of September left for that city. The lady referred to is Miss Sarah McKillican, daughter of Mr. William McKillican, Vankleek Hill. We wish her abundant success in her chosen life-work.

#### MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

In connection with the recent notice of the report of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, it may be well to state that it will be encouraging and gratifying to receive applications for missionary literature. Sabbath school teachers or others desirous of forming Mission Bands, interesting their classes in missionary enterprise, or even for private reading, can be supplied with tracts, leaflets, books or maps. If it is desired, samples can be sent, and afterwards the requisite quantity will be procured and forwarded at moderate charges.

Those in Ontario are requested to communicate with Mrs. Toller, 151 John Street, Toronto.