

which were hard to obey. It was only when prayer was a burden upon our hearts, and we were lifted into such a sphere of sympathy with Christ that His will became our will, that we could expect it to be answered. Mrs. Gray, Brampton, led in the opening prayer. Mrs. Talling, London, closed, several other offering short voluntary prayers when the meeting was thrown open for that purpose. Special prayer was offered in behalf of Miss McWilliams, missionary at Indore, of whose serious illness intelligence had just been received.

#### CONFERENCE.

In the evening the presidents and secretaries of the Presbyterial Societies, with the presidents of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, met in conference with the Board of Management respecting matters connected with the working of the Society. After prayer, led by Mrs. Steele, Dundas, discussion took place on a recommendation from Listowel suggesting that steps should be taken to reduce the expense of printing the annual report, both by omitting some details and reducing the number of copies to be printed. It was agreed to recommend to the Society that the abstract of the auxiliary reports be omitted; that the tabulated statements be extended to include names of officers and some other items, that the reports of Presbyterial Secretaries be made fuller, points of interest in Auxiliaries being noted, and that the more detailed reporting of Auxiliary meetings at Annual Presbyterial Meetings be emphasised.

The question of the membership fee was also considered. The President explained that in anticipation of a motion, of which notice had been given last year, looking to the annulling of the dollar fee, the Board had carefully considered the matter, and with but two dissenting voices had agreed that no change was advisable in Article III of the Constitution. A paper setting forth the reasons for this finding was read, which at the request