

Mrs. W. D. BOOKER.—Mrs. Booker was born in Ballenah, Ireland, is the daughter of the Rev. John Bates, of sainted memory. She came to this country in 1860, was married to Rev. A. V. Timpany, and they went to India as our first foreign missionaries in 1867. She returned home in 1885 after the death of Mr. Timpany, having served long and well. In — she married Mr. W. D. Booker, and was elected President in 1888. Mrs. Booker's knowledge of the work on the foreign field gives her peculiar fitness for the position she occupies.

GALT CONVENTION.

The morning prayer meeting opened with the singing of "Come thou Fount of every Blessing," followed by a verse of "Nearer my God to Thee." After a season of prayer the leader, Mrs. Cline, spoke a few words on the benefit of the half hour of prayer. After further prayer and song, Mrs. Cline read Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones and applied its teaching and promise to the society's work in missions. The beginnings were unpromising but God's work was beginning to be manifest, and the promise is a nation in a day.

At 10 a.m. Mrs. Booker, the President, took the chair. The opening exercise began by singing "Ye Servants of God." Scripture selections having more especial reference to the work of missions were read by Mrs. Grove, and Mrs. Godfrey then offered the opening prayer for the foreign mission work.

The President appointed as Nominating Committee Mesdames Newman, Hutchinson and Cline, to assist Miss Buchanan; and as Committee on Resolutions, Mesdames Goble, Raymond, and J. J. Baker.

The President spoke of the varied experiences of the past year; cause for thankfulness and sorrow for disappointments and shortcomings were mingled. The need in India had been greater on account of famine and plague and unfortunately the funds at command had been less. More missionaries than usual were present on this occasion and were welcomed. The society had sustained great loss in the death of Mrs. J. C. Yule, who had always been an active assistant in all good work. The number of conversions reported from the fields was encouraging to the lonely missionaries and to us; and the necessary retrenchment in various directions was much regretted. The falling off in receipts was due to the holding back of small gifts as being too insignificant to count. This should not be. The women should arise to their privileges and do what they can.

The Recording Secretary's report was read and adopted. As it is given in full on another page, we omit further mention of it.—[Ed.]

The Treasurer reported a decrease in the regular income necessitated a curtailment of the work undertaken. The Circles rather than the Bands were responsible for the falling off. To meet this emergency individuals have given special donations. Greater effort should be made next year by the Circles, as these specials cannot be depended upon for carrying on the work already taken up. The report was received and adopted, and thanks were given to Miss Elliot for her untiring efforts throughout the whole year.

LINK REPORT.—Mrs. Newman, the Editor, gave the report of THE LINK. Financial report showed Balance at beginning of year, \$177; receipts for the year, \$892.97; total, \$1,069.97. Expenses for the year, \$868.39; balance in banks, \$211.59; total, \$1,069.97. The circulation is 4,800. The regret was expressed that during the last three years there has been a falling off of two hundred subscribers.

The Editor has been informed by agents that one reason of this that some ladies feel that if they take one paper published by the Women's Societies, that will be sufficient, and they usually choose the cheaper paper. Agents were urged to impress upon all the mistake of this idea. The Home mission paper does not attempt to bring us anything about Foreign Missions. Both papers are necessary to one who would be intelligent concerning the work of our Societies. Surely the price of THE LINK, twenty-five cents a year should not debar anyone having the information which it brings month by month. Economy in any one is a thing to be admired, but don't call starving of the soul and intellect by dropping your missionary paper, economy. An enthusiastic and optimistic agent should be appointed in every Circle, and her aim should be to secure the subscription of every woman in the church, and to keep the old as well as get new subscribers. An agent should inform herself by reading thoroughly the paper, and then knowing that she has a good cause, she will not be easily discouraged. Let the information given in THE LINK be used by giving extracts at the weekly prayer meeting of the church.

Mrs. Raymond spoke of Foreign Mission prospects, basing her paper on Carey's words: "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." Not to expect much is to dishonor God. Times have greatly changed since Carey spoke. The non-Christian lands have been opened one after another in the providence of God, and now the demand for foreign work is almost greater than the resources. Millions are ready to listen and prospects are bright in every land. Look for great things and plan for great things, sow the seed in all lands until the fruit of godly lives and Christian civilization shall be ripe the world over. We do not know just when but we are sure the day of triumph will speedily come.



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