

baptism. One chief, a Christian in belief and practice, had three wives, but as yet he was outside of the Church. The difficulties in the way of dissolving polygamous marriages were very great. Mrs. Macdonald said that in India the natives were now ashamed to ask for baptism while living with more than one wife. It was very hard for a Hindu wife to be cast off, for then she had no means of support. The principle which had been followed by the missionaries was, that the Christian convert should choose one of his wives and live with her only, putting the rest away, but at the same time continue to support the others.

The ever-recurring question of "How to interest the women of the Church in Missions" was admirably answered by Mrs. Cunningham, of the Philadelphia Board. The dollar fee as a condition of membership has been given up by that Society.

Mrs. Blaikie gave the closing address. Although not a regularly appointed delegate, she could yield to none in her interest in Foreign Missions. She had given to the Lord's work in China her own and only daughter. The key-note of Mrs. Blaikie's address was in the words, "Behold, I make all things new." This was a star of promise in the midst of the world's darkness and misery, and the beginning of its fulfilment was seen wherever a soul was found giving up sin and turning to God.

Mrs. Ewart spoke a few earnest parting words, Mrs. Blaikie led in prayer, and the Conference separated, after singing the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

This report is but a skeleton of the proceedings, but it is all that it is possible to give our readers in the limited space of the LETTER LEAFLET. But even were abundant space available, it would be impossible to put into printed words all the delightful features of the meeting. The delegates and missionaries were so interesting and so charming in themselves, all the addresses were bright, happy and earnest, and, let it be published far and wide, all were *well heard*.