

notice of motion from Hamilton Presbyterial Society, that the reports of Presbyterial Societies be taken as read at the Annual Meeting, which has twice appeared in the *Letter Leaflet*, was after some discussion recommended to be held over for another year, as owing to an oversight, it had not appeared in the *Letter Leaflet* in time to permit of its being considered at Presbyterial meetings.

The question of appointing Presbyterial Secretaries for Mission Bands received attention. Opinion as to the advisability of appointing such an officer was divided. A good deal was said against the multiplying of officers, and there was a strong feeling that the Bands should be under the care of the Auxiliaries. In some Presbyterials, where only three or four Bands existed, the need of a special Secretary was not much felt. In other Presbyterials it was thought a judicious and competent secretary might do a great deal to foster the Bands, and interest the children. Children liked to receive letters, and it was pointed out that the duties of a secretary need not and ought not to conflict with the relations of the Auxiliary towards the Band. The general conclusion seemed to be that success or failure would depend on whether the right person were appointed, special qualifications were necessary, and the power for good or harm in the hands of a Mission Band secretary very great. It was agreed that the appointment of this officer was one which might well be left to the option of Presbyterial Societies.

Two propositions, one coming from St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kingston, another from St. John's Church Auxiliary, Brockville, and a suggestion from Ayr, all opening up wide and difficult questions, were read to the Conference. These communications had not been sent to the Board in time either for consideration or for publication in the *Letter Leaflet* that the societies might consider them previous to being brought before the Annual Meeting, and must therefore, it was agreed, be held over for the present.

Several members of the Conference spoke of the unrest in regard to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which seemed to have taken possession of many in the Church, through misunderstanding on the part of a few as to the relation of the Society to the Foreign Mission Committee. The President and others expressed the opinion that this might be in part owing, not so much to a feeling against the Society, as to the hard times and the great difficulty of keeping up the general work of the Church. Ministers unacquainted with our position might naturally wonder why we could not just give the money to whatever Scheme we wished. One Presbyterial President had sent a circular letter on the subject to all her Auxiliaries. The paper read by Mrs. Blair at the meeting of the Brockville