

of the Board, strongly advised that in future all funds be deposited in chartered banks. In the Maritime Provinces a private bank, in which funds had been placed, had failed, causing a loss of over \$3,000 to that part of the Church. A resolution from the Guelph Presbyterial was read, objecting to the proposed change of order in the Annual Meeting, which placed the reading of the Presbyterial Reports at the close of the devotional hour on Tuesday, and asking that the first day be kept solely for devotional purposes. The members of Conference were asked to consider this point. The new order had been tried this year as an experiment only, and with the hope that the arrangement would give more time for other business on the following days. (The new arrangement was confirmed, by vote of the Society, on Thursday.) A proposal to re-arrange the work of the Foreign and Supply Secretaries, mentioned at the Annual Meeting last year, was considered. It had seemed desirable to make a division of the correspondence in such a way as to obviate the necessity of the missionaries having to write to both these Secretaries—a necessity which in the past had made it difficult to arrange the letters for publication, besides entailing unnecessary labour on our missionaries. The plan proposed was to place all the North-West correspondence, including Supplies, in the hands of the present Supply Secretary; and all the Foreign Correspondence, including Supplies, in the hands of the Foreign Secretary. (At a later stage of the meeting, the Board was empowered to make this change and to arrange all details.) A request which had come to the Board, that matter bearing upon the topic on the Prayer Card might appear in the *LETTER LEAFLET* a month in advance, was spoken of. The Conference approved of the idea, and agreed that it would be a help in preparing for meetings where other literature was not available. It was also suggested that programmes of special meetings, such as the Day of Prayer and Thank-offering might with advantage be inserted a month in advance. An objection was made to giving so much space in the *LETTER LEAFLET* to accounts of Presbyterial meetings, seeing that they always appeared in the Church papers, and that, too, often before they appeared in the *LEAFLET*. It was stated, on the other hand, that not one-third of our members take a Church paper, and that each one was specially interested in the account of her own Presbyterial meeting. It was suggested that such reports would be more readable if helpful ideas brought out at meetings could be embodied in them. It was necessary to condense them, space being very limited. The feeling of the Conference was in favour of continuing the reports. The advisability of appointing a Mission Band Secretary was discussed at length. There had been doubt as to what was meant by the appointment of such an officer. The duties of the office had