

a Round Table Talk. Many helpful thoughts and useful information were brought out in this hour.

A Memorial Service was then led by Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer of the Union, opened by singing "Abide with Me," Scripture reading and prayer.

The list of deceased sisters for Nova Scotia was read by leader; the list for New Brunswick was read by Mrs. C. Scott; for P. E. I. by Mrs. Browne. Miss Hume read a good paper on "Why we hold Memorial Services."

Mrs. Hatch touched all hearts with her singing "The Homeland."

Many references were made to our loved missionaries who had suffered bereavement.

It was a most beautifully solemn service. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Election of officers resulted as follows:—Mrs. J. W. Manning, Pres.; Mrs. C. H. Martell, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. H. L. Everett, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Mary Smith, Treas. and M. A. S.; Mrs. Ida Crandall, Treas. for Mission Bands.

The report of Nominating Committee was accepted for the usual officers.

The afternoon prayer service was led by Miss Alice Logan. On the resumption of business the Mission Band reports were read, Nova Scotia by Superintendent Mrs. P. R. Foster, who gave the number of Bands in Nova Scotia as 85. Mission Band report for New Brunswick, prepared by Mrs. T. S. Simms and read by Mrs. Cox, gave the number of Bands for that Province as 45. Mrs. A. F. Browne reported 16 Bands for P. E. I. All the reports were adopted.

The members of the Union were delighted to have the privilege of another address by Miss McLaurin. Her strong practical suggestions will be found very helpful. Some discussion was then held on "Cradle Rolls" in connection with Mission Bands.

Mrs. Whitman read a paper on "Mission Studies," which was followed by many warm expressions of interest.

Miss Emma Stuart was appointed Editor for the W.B.M.U. department of THE LINK. This little paper seems to keep its hold on the hearts of the W.B.M.U.

Mrs. Quick then delivered an earnest address.

The usual resolutions of thanks were passed, and the few "last things" attended to and the Conven-

tion closed to meet next year (D. V.), in Woodstock, N. B.

At 7:30 a public meeting was held, addresses being given by Mrs. Nalder, Rev. L. D. Morse, Miss Martha Clarke, Mr. Freeman (missionary elect) and Rev. H. F. Adams, Field Secretary for Century Fund.

The Convention of 1902, is now a memory. What will the Convention of 1903 be? With the blessing of the Lord, just what the sisters of the Union *will* it to be.

HANNAH MARSHMAN.

THE first missionary to the women of India and, indeed, the first of all modern times, was Hannah Marshman. Born in England, 1767, she spent forty-seven years of a happy married life and a short widowhood in the Baptist Brotherhood, at Serampore, Bengal. There she died, at the age of eighty years, March 1st, 1847.

Though the mother of twelve children she succeeded in training her six surviving ones to usefulness and honor; in making the home conditions of the Serampore Missionary Brotherhood rich in comfort and usefulness; and in training the girls and women of Bengal to love and serve Christ.

Her "ladies' school" was an evangelizing agency and also great financial help to the native mission. Its pupils were chiefly Eurasians or East Indians, of the then fast-increasing and utterly neglected community. She was the first to care for their daughters, except the orphans of military officers or soldiers. The mixed class numbered eighty thousand nominal Christians in the Indian census of 1891, or half the number of pure Europeans, including the British troops. For the soldiers' orphans the government, erected asylums and schools, but only Hannah Marshman cared for the rest. From her school in a generation there passed out Christian young ladies, ready to become useful missionaries to their native sisters. Until such agents were educated and converted, and till the instruction of the native youths had made headway in the boys' schools and in the Serampore College, female education among the Hindus and Mohammedans was impossible. But the Brotherhood watched for it, prayed for it, planned for it, provided the means for it, and lived to see its foundations well laid by Hannah Marshman.—Condensed from Dr. George Smith, C.I.S., F.R.G.S., in *The Baptist Missionary Magazine*.