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WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The Third Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada will be held in New York City, at the Broadway Tabernacle, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 11th and 12th, 1899. The Executive Officers and two delegates from each Board are invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

Preliminary meetings of Secretaries, Treasurers, etc., will be held Wednesday morning. Reports of these meetings and a discussion of missionary magazines in the afternoon. A Missionary Rally will be held Wednesday evening, to which everybody is invited. Thursday morning will be given up to educational topics, such as "Higher Education for Girls on Missionary Ground," "The Kindergarten in Missionary Work"; and on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster will discuss "The Reaction of Foreign Missions on the Life and Unity of the Church."

BOARD MEETING.

The first quarterly meeting of the Board of the W. B. F. M. S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, November the 6th, at 3.30 o'clock. The President, Miss Green, in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss Teaster, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid, Miss Grace Pickett read the minutes of the preceding meeting. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$152.36, \$125 of which was appropriated towards Miss Murray's salary. Mrs. Erskine, of the Rockland Circle, was accepted as a Life-member of the Society. A communication was read from Miss Sarah C. Durfee, of Providence, R. I., asking that a representative be appointed by the Board as a member of the Women's Committee of the World's Missionary Conference, to be held in New York in April, 1900. Mrs. Claxton, Hon. President, was appointed to represent the Society in such manner as will be necessary.

A resolution of condolence was passed to Mr. Thos. L. Laming, of Brooklyn, New York, expressing the deep sympathy of the Board, in the death of his beloved wife,

for many years before her departure from Montreal an interested and active member of the Society.

The meeting closed with prayer.

ETHEL C. AYER, *Cor. Sec.*

CIRCLES AND BANDS IN EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Will the Circles and Bands in this district please take notice that all funds for the Foreign Mission work should be sent to Mrs. Mary A. Smith, 6 Thistle Terrace, Montreal, who was elected Treasurer of the Society at the last annual meeting.

Of late the question, "How can we sustain a W.M.S. when the pastor is not interested? has come to us repeatedly. The shortest answer would be this: interest the pastor. Then the question arises, how shall we accomplish it? We clip the following from "Missionary Tidings" for an answer:

The little knot of workers that exists in most churches should keep in mind the conversion of the pastor to missions. In most cases he is a man of sense, of conscientiousness, of intelligence, of openmindedness. Such a man may ever be convinced of truth when fairly presented. How then, may the truth be best laid before him? Well, the missionary workers in his church should see that their literature comes regularly to his hand, clipped or marked articles—if they are short, it is all the better—should come frequently. Thus, by homoeopathic doses he may be indoctrinated.

The problem is how to get this knowledge into the preacher. Not that nothing can be done in a church without him. This is a mistake. Much can be done, and has been done in churches where the preacher was not a missionary pastor. Do not be discouraged, titleless women, if your pastor is not enthusiastic for missions, but continue to hold your Auxiliary meetings, spread your literature, and educate the churches. You are one of the strongest educational forces in the church. But all of us recognize that the citadel to be stormed is the pastor's mind and heart. If he can be thoroughly won to missions, the church shall be won.

At the University Convocation recently held in Lahore, India, an evening reunion of over fifty graduates was held, embracing the classes of the last eight years. What was quite significant was that the wives of the young married gentlemen were present. Many of these gentlemen occupy high positions, and although not Christians they appeared to appreciate the freedom and aggressive spirit of the occasion. The Hindus at one of our class rooms sat apart by themselves. Separate entertainment had also been provided for the Mohammedans, but they crowded in with the Christians and ate and drank tea with the zest of school boys.—Church at Home and Abroad.