

exercises which followed and in which several delegates took part, were deeply earnest and impressive, and the whole service was felt to be one of great spiritual profit.

THE CONFERENCES.

The Board, viz., the 36 Managers and the Presidents of Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, met in conference with Presbyterian Secretaries and Treasurers at half-past four on Tuesday afternoon, and at half-past seven in the evening.

SHALL THE REPORTS BE SOLD?

The first subject considered in the afternoon was a suggestion from the Toronto Presbyterian Society, that the Annual Reports be sold instead of being distributed free of charge, and that they be ordered in the same way that the LETTER LEAFLET is now done. In regard to the second part of the suggestion, the President explained that the Reports not being a regular periodical could not be sent through the post office free as THE LEAFLET is sent. The question of selling the Reports was fully discussed and the points brought out were :- 1. That the labour and cost of distribution would be very great if small quantities or single copies of the Report were sold. 2. That those not interested in missions to whom the Reports might be a means of awakening, would not be likely to buy them, and consequently would not read them. 3. That the members of the Society have a right to know annually how the Board has discharged the responsibility entrusted to it.

A recommendation from the Hamilton Presbyterian Society, that the abstract reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands be omitted from the Annual Report, was then taken up. Mrs. Grant stated in connection with this proposal that it had been submitted to the Auxiliaries in the Hamilton P.S. and discussed by them, and that it was the custom of the Presbyterian officers