



RETROSPECTS.

At a meeting of the "CANADIAN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY BOARD," (an undenominational Society), recently held in Montreal, a paper entitled "A Talk about Woman's Boards," was read by one of the ladies, in which the writer sketched the progress of these boards since 1810.

After referring to several American Societies, the following statement was made:—

"To the Baptists belonged the honor of forming the first board in Canada in 1870."

A distinction claimed by the Maritime Provinces. This board was formed in Halifax, and thus originated an auxiliary, that has become wide-spread in usefulness and influence throughout the Dominion.

Beginnings are sometimes crude and uninteresting. We cannot always discern a bud of promise in the tightly-folded, hard, green leaf that may drop off before expanding. Time must pass before its roundness and hint of colour give assurance of beauty and fragrance. Every pioneer has much to contend with that is unknown, and possibly, unimagined, by succeeding workers; but, where success has crowned a long series of hard labour, how re-assuring is the retrospective glance at its humble inauguration!

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