

K. Smith's delightful Bible Reading on "Christ's Reception and Commendation of Woman's Service." Brief verbal reports of branches were given by many of the representatives present. Unrepresented branches were reported by Mrs. Graham, Cor. Sec'y. At second session, Mrs. McClelland conducted a short Bible Reading on "The Heathen," after which the President gave a kindly greeting to all present, and reviewed the history of our work for the past year. Mrs. Burnet, of Cobourg, extended a characteristically sisterly welcome to the delegates. Mrs. Cattanaach, of Centreville, who would have acknowledged the welcome, was unavoidably absent, to the regret of all. Sister societies were represented by Mrs. Ward, King St. Methodist, and Miss Kerr, of the Division St. Methodist Churches. The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's statement were satisfactory and encouraging from nearly all stand-points. Our thirty-two branches have contributed to the general fund \$1,638.99 for 1895, besides about 1,200 lbs. of clothing for Miss Baker's School at Prince Albert, Sask. Other evidences of progress might also be enumerated. Mrs. MacWilliams, of Peterborough, sang a solo in excellent voice, after which Mrs. McJannet, of Collingwood, at one time our Presbyterial President, delivered an admirable address on "Mission work as touching the life and purpose of Christian women." All were agreed that it was good to have Mrs. McCrae with us again. During the collection the Misses Pearce sang a duet very sweetly. The evening session was presided over by the Pastor, Rev. J. Hay, B. D. There was a large audience present. Revs. C. S. Lord, of Grafton, and J. Gilchrist, of Baltimore, assisted in the devotional exercises and Rev. R. Laird, of Campbellford, conveyed the greetings of Presbytery in a very hearty way. Mrs. Graham, Lakefield, presented a summary report of the year's work. Rev. J. Frazer Smith, M.D., late of Honan, China, the speaker of the evening, gave a graphic account of the manners and customs peculiar to the people, amongst whom he laboured for five years. During the evening excellent music was furnished by the church choir, assisted by Miss Pearce, Miss Howden and Mr. Anderson. Wednesday morning's session was profitably begun by a helpful Bible Reading by Miss Russell, of Cobourg. After discussion on business matters, a series of five papers on Mission Band work was presented as follows: "Their Place and Importance," Miss Martha Dickson, Peterborough; "How to Revive and Maintain Interest," Mrs. Hamilton, Cobourg; "Importance of Sympathy Between Auxiliaries and Mission Bands," Mrs. Gilchrist, Baltimore; "Juvenile Work," Miss Lillian Hall, Peterborough, and Mrs. Lord, Grafton (the latter paper was read by Miss Robson, of Vernonville). These papers were of great excellence, and our Mission Bands must surely receive an impetus from them. The closing session, Wednesday afternoon, was given almost entirely to business, and many matters of importance were discussed with interest, vigor and good-will. Anent the note to Auxiliaries in the December LETTER LEAFLET, it was unanimously agreed that the time for reading the Presbyterial Reports be left entirely in the hands of the Board. In regard to the appointment of a Mission Band General Secretary, the opinion is that any appointment which would tend to weaken the bond between Bands and Auxiliaries would be unwise; but that a Mission Band Secretary in direct affiliation with the Home Secretary would obviate such risk. In regard to the notice of motion from St. John's Auxiliary, Brockville, as contained in the February LETTER LEAFLET, the unanimous opinion is that Article II. of the Constitution should remain un-