

ruling with firmness tempered with love through years, when at times there was much to try the patience and test the wisdom of those in office. When Mrs. Ewart, full of years and working actively till almost the very end of her life, was gathered home in May, 1897, Mrs. MacLaren was again called to be President and for two years guided the deliberations of the Board, but her physical strength not being equal to the strain she was obliged to retire from the office to the regret of all at the close of 1899, when Mrs. Shortreed was elected President.

Another early officer to whom the Society owes much was Mrs. MacMurchy, for eleven years Recording Secretary,* one year first Vice-President and one year and a half Foreign Secretary. During those thirteen years her faithfulness to duty and loveliness of character, no less than her high mental gifts, endeared her to those associated with her.

A grateful tribute is also due to Miss Topp (now Mrs. Alexander), the first Home Secretary, who gave eight years of youthful zeal and diligence to the work. Her reports give evidence of great breadth of view and clearness of vision as to the aims and future place of the Society.

Of her successor, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who held the office for five years, we are forbidden to speak in terms of appreciation such as she deserves. The W. F. M. S. knows Mrs. Campbell well, and she will ever hold a warm place in their affectionate gratitude. Probably all do not know how she labored above measure from the year 1884 till 1899, the work expanding rapidly during that time and largely increasing her duties year by year, until at length it became necessary to divide the work into four departments with a secretary for each.

She was followed by Mrs. Shortreed, who gave eight years to the Home department, and whose labors bore fruit in much enlargement and development of the Society.

In 1897 Mrs. Grant became Home Secretary, and proved herself a worthy successor in the line of business ability and personal interest in all the branches.

Mrs. Harvie's name and work need only to be mentioned to bring before us her great zeal and her earnest, untiring labors. She served the Society as Foreign Secretary for nineteen years, a period which was divided into two terms owing to her temporary retirement from ill health. Mrs. MacMurchy was elected in 1889 and continued in office till the following year when she was taken from us. When Mrs. Harvie withdrew to take up another important branch of

* It is a matter of sincere regret that no good photograph of Mrs. MacMurchy is in existence, hence the absence of one among those which appear in these pages.