

The Annual Meeting.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 16th, 17th, 18th, 1895. The weather was perfect, and the church bright and comfortable, and admirably suited to the requirements of the meeting, notwithstanding that its seating capacity of over 1,100, was taxed to the utmost at all the sessions. Upwards of 500 railway certificates were signed by the Home Secretary, and 307 delegates were hospitably entertained in Toronto homes. The attendance was probably larger than any previous year, and the meetings throughout were earnest and enthusiastic without the least jarring note to mar the harmony of the proceedings. The revered and loved President occupied the chair on Tuesday afternoon and evening and during Wednesday's sessions. Her absence from her place on Thursday morning, on account of illness was the occasion of much solicitude, and many earnest prayers ascended to the Throne of Grace on her behalf; but when at the close of Thursday afternoon, it was announced that the President was no worse and was resting quietly, all hearts went up in thankfulness. That prayer has been graciously answered, and that Mrs. Ewart is now well on the way to recovery, every member of the Society will be rejoiced to know.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.--The devotional hour on the first day, which has now become an established custom at our annual gatherings, was this year, as in the past, felt to be one of the most helpful and delightful parts of the meeting. All hearts were united in earnest prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Colin Fletcher of Thames Road gave a brief address, which was listened to with deep attention. The thought which she dwelt upon was, that the results of Christian effort must depend largely upon the character of Christians themselves, basing her remarks on Heb. xii, 12, 13, and pressing home the important truth that for the members of this Society—whether permitted to give direct help in the world's evangelization or whether debarred from so doing—to be good wives, daughters, sisters, to walk carefully and prayerfully—this was “making straight paths for their feet,” and would be blessed of God for the advancement of His cause in the world. The “halt and the lame” were looking to Christ's professed followers, both in Christian and in heathen lands, as the exponents of Christian truth, and who could tell where influence began or ended.

THE CONFERENCE.—On Tuesday evening the Presidents of Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, with Presbyterian Secretaries and Treasurers, met in conference with the thirty-six Managers. The