

the work in Canada, the Association heard statements and letters from various persons, fully examined Mr. Harrower himself, and are reluctantly compelled to the conclusion that they are not prepared to recommend him to the churches."

The Association accepted the invitation of Emmanuel Church to meet there in the spring. The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. L. P. Adams on "Reminiscences of a Long Pastorate in Quebec," and Rev. E. M. Hill on "Church and Children." Rev. J. Dickson also gave an address.

Programme for next meeting: Sermon by Rev. A. E. Barnes, D.D.; Paper on Sabbath School Work, Rev. Geo. Skinner; Home Missions, Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A.; Foreign Missions, Rev. Mr. Dunlap; College, Rev. Geo. Cornish, LL.D.; Papers by Dr. Barbour and Rev. F. H. Marling.

J. I. HINDLEY, *Scribe*.

### WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

MR. EDITOR,—At the recent meeting of the Western Association in Hamilton, October 4 and 5, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this association, witnessing the growing interest manifested in the work of Home and Foreign missions throughout the churches of our order in the Dominion, hails with great pleasure the formation of the Woman's Board of Missions in connection with our denomination in Canada, and would very earnestly commend its work to all the churches within the bounds of this association, believing, as we do, that in the organization of the consecrated sisterhood of our churches along missionary lines there is opened an important channel for the outflow of Christian benevolence and for the inflow of divine grace.

The Western Association at this meeting underwent considerable reorganization, with a view to our getting at each other better. The important new features are as follows:

1. There is to be an annual election of three officers of the association: president, secretary and treasurer. The officers for the present year are Messrs. W. Cuthbertson, C. S. Pedley and James White, of Woodstock, respectively.

2. The association is divided into three subsections, centering in Guelph, Brantford and London, with secretaries for this year: Messrs. D. McGregor, of Guelph; J. K. Unsworth, of Paris; and C. E. Gordon-Smith, of Stratford.

3. The six officers form a standing committee to arrange for systematic visitations of the churches, and to take means to secure a thorough development of the forces of Congregationalism within the association's bounds.

The idea of dividing the association into sections is

not a new one, having been tried once before. It would probably have succeeded then if the association itself had not suffered a temporary disorganization. Now, under more favourable conditions, and perhaps with more thorough recognition of the fractional character of the branches in relation to the association; we hope the plan will commend itself to the churches, win a hearty support from them, and do the work laid out for it. We expect the West to make itself heard as hitherto; and more than ever we expect it to make itself felt.

C. S. PEDLEY, *Ass. Secy.*

### YOUR HOUSE.

Be true to yourself at the start, young man,  
Be true to yourself and God;  
Ere you build your house, mark well the spot,  
Test all the ground, and build you not  
On the sand or shaking sod.

Dig, dig the foundation deep, young man,  
Plant firm the outer wall;  
Let the props be strong, and the roof be high,  
Like an open turret toward the sky,  
Through which heaven's dew may fall.

Let this be the room of the soul, young man,  
When the shadows shall herald care.  
A chamber with never a roof, a thatch  
To hinder the light, or door or latch  
To shut in the spirit's prayer!

Build slow and sure, 'tis for life, young man,  
A life that outlives the breath;  
For who shall gainsay the Holy Word?  
"Their works do follow them," saith the Lord,  
"Therein is no death."

Build deep, and high and broad, young man,  
As the needful case demands;  
Let your title-deeds be clear and bright,  
Till you enter your claim to the Lord of light  
For the "house not made with hands."

—Selected.

### Literary Notices.

THE *Montreal Witness* has published for its subscribers a finely-finished chromo of "Suffer Little Children to come unto Me." The subject is well handled, and a picture produced which will grace any home, and reflects great credit on the enterprising publishers, both as to energy and for taste. It is supplied to subscribers for 25 cents per copy.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS (The Illustrated News Company, New York) is the oldest and one of the best of our illustrated papers. It has done more than any other paper to fill our homes with instructive pictures. It is published on this side from duplicate plates at a less cost than the London edition, 10 cents per copy or \$4 per annum. It ought to be in all our homes, delighting children, and children of a larger growth. October 15 furnishes as usual many pictures upon a variety of subjects, including a double-page picture Deer Stalking in the