

on, cannot be done by us unless we first get near to God. A season was spent in earnest united prayer.

#### Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session opened with very hearty singing of hymn number 395 and prayer led by Mrs. M. L. Gregg. After the reading of the minutes of the morning session the report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented. Miss Rogers, who has held this office for years, feels now that she must retire, and Mrs. Matthews voiced the deep appreciation of her work, and the regret at her loss that everyone felt. Miss Rogers thanked the ladies and expressed the joy she had had in the work. Her report, with those on the Evangelistic, Medical and Educational work followed. These are all given in full.

Between two of the reports a solo by Mrs. J. R. Smith was greatly enjoyed.

Miss McLeod, who has served in India twenty-eight years, was welcomed and spoke briefly. She said she was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the ladies for having sent her out to India and of showing them that she is able to go back again.

Miss Clark, the new missionary to Bolivia, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes expressing the joy she has in the prospect of soon being able to engage in the work to which she believes God has called her.

Mrs. Dunlap, the newly-appointed Assistant to the Secretary of Directors, was called to the platform that the ladies might look upon her face, and welcome her to her new office.

Miss Katy McLaurin received a rousing welcome as she came to the platform. She reminded us that while we are met here in Convention the Christian women of our Telugu field are in the midst of their evangelistic campaign. The condition of the world to-day cries out for a great spiritual revival. There is a great longing for it in the hearts of many Christians here and in India. "Soul-

Winning in Avanigadda" was the subject of Miss McLaurin's address. "Christian women in India are like children learning to walk. They have not behind them the heredity of the women in this Christian land. Their progress is slow. God's word, with its transforming power must be patiently taught them. They must be encouraged to try to do definite Christian work. The two great obstacles are ignorance and poverty. The ignorance is denser than anything you can imagine, and the poverty is more terrible than anything you know about. A woman whose whole thought and anxiety is to get food for her family for to-morrow does not find it easy to have an inspiration about God's work. And yet these poor people do get courage and grace to make the effort to pass on the blessing they have received to their own people, and it is wonderful how God uses them. Another great obstacle is the lack of leaders. Did I hear you report that there are not leaders for Mission Bands? Is this fitting in Christian Canada where all of you can read? The pastors' wives and those who have been at boarding schools, are made to realize that they have had these opportunities in order that they may help other women, and it is often a surprise to see how they can do the work. We have rallies for the women, rallies for the leaders, and are asking you to give us a Bible training school which is something we need very much. Christians on our fields are doing the evangelizing. Two thousand brought in 2020 names of converts. Two young men, in a heathen village, won twenty to Christ. The only Christian in another village exclaimed, 'They are coming, I am teaching them, and they are coming.' Do not these poor people put us to shame? If every Christian in the world to-day were to win one more it would only take eight years to bring the whole world to Christ. He that winneth a soul shall shine as a star."

#### Evening Session.

The evening session opened with sing-