

year she first went to India, and also at the end of her first term. In brief she told of the growth of the work on the Ramachandrapuram field. In comparing the work of the Women's Board of twenty-five years ago and now, she referred particularly to the growth in material equipment, personal equipment, and environment and outlook. She closed with an appeal that we remember in prayers the dark part of this field of 175,000 souls.

Rev. R. E. Smith then addressed the Convention on "Social and Political Conditions of India." All over India there is a great unrest, a movement for reform. The largest of all factors in this movement is the preaching of Christ to the people, establishing ideals of liberty, freedom, progress. Prejudice and ignorance are being broken down. A great deal is being done for the elevation of women. Most pitiful of all are the efforts of the people to reform their religion. The outcome of all this will surely be a movement towards the light. There is creeping over the leaders of thought in India a feeling that they are going to fail, that there is nothing sufficient in Hinduism and themselves to conquer the great evils. If they keep humble they will eventually come to the realization that their great need is Christ and a new heart.

A most successful Convention was brought to a close with the benediction by Dr. J. G. Brown.

#### RECORDING SECRETARY'S THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year there have been held two executive and thirteen regular meetings of the Board, with an average attendance at the latter of twenty. It was a real pleasure and inspiration to welcome at various meetings the following lady missionaries:—Miss Folsom, Miss Pratt, Miss McLaurin, Miss Hatch and Miss Robinson.

At the first meeting of the new Board, the estimates for the year were passed and showed an increase over last year. Mrs. Firstbrook, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Norton were appointed to meet with the General Board. Later, on Miss Norton's resignation, Mrs. J. J. Ross was named as substitute. The Executive Committee chosen, consisted of Mrs. S. S. Bates, Miss Elliot, Mrs. Urquhart and Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr.

The personnel of the Board has undergone some changes. Mrs. Campbell's resignation as Recording Secretary, was received in February, and Miss B. M. Pugsley later appointed to this office. Miss Elliot, after her many years of efficient service, has been forced, through ill health, to retire from the work, and Mrs. Campbell was elected to her place on the Board, and on the Executive Committee. It is with regret that we record the death in December last, of one of our most devoted and valued members in the person of Mrs. W. H. Porter. Miss Burke presented her resignation as Treasurer in May, but performed the duties of the office until September, when Mrs. Glenn Campbell assumed the work. In June, Mrs. Judson McIntosh, Toronto, was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Porter's death.

Three applications for appointment to the work in India have been received, but it has not seemed advisable to incur further responsibilities, at the present time, unless a medical missionary can be secured. On recommendation of Miss Baskerville, it has been decided that we undertake the support of Miss Phillip, an Eurasian, who has already proved her worth by valuable service. This means an obligation of \$265 for this year, but a generous contribution of \$100 was immediately made by a member of the Board and other smaller gifts have since come in. A change in the missionary staff has been occasioned