

she also conducted a Mission to Lepers in Ramachandrapuram, told us of the way the Lord called her to the work, and the wonderful way He had provided helpers and means. We regret exceedingly that some of our delegates were compelled to leave before this address, as it was eloquent and powerful, awakening a deeper sympathy in every heart for the wretched lepers of India. We consider this Convention very fortunate in having two foreign missionaries to tell us of their work in India.—Rev. Ralph Smith, who addressed the union platform meeting on Tuesday evening in such a calm, convincing manner on the success of foreign missions in the past century, and Miss Hatch, who thrilled us all in the afternoon.

A conference on the topic "Knowledge the keystone to service," was very practical. "Know and you will give," by Mrs. Cole, "Know and you will serve," by Mrs. Rickert; "Know and you will pray," by Mrs. Ellis, with a few closing remarks by Miss Maybelle Laing. Resolutions of thanks; and of loving sympathy to members who had been afflicted; also pledges of our influence against intemperance, were carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. Robert McGregor, of Ottawa, conducted the Question Drawer, at which several perplexing problems were solved. Mrs. J. T. Marshall gave us a "Forward look" as to work in the future, which was much appreciated. After singing the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," the Convention was adjourned by Rev. Ralph E. Smith pronouncing the benediction.

#### REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY, 1910-11.

There have been three special and four regular meetings of the Board during the past year, the attendance at the latter averaging sixteen, an advance in numbers, which we are glad to note.

The outstanding matter of interest in connection with these meetings will be more fully noted in other reports, and may be merely mentioned here,—the appointment of our new missionary to India, Miss Hinman, for whom and for whose work we earnestly desire God's blessing.

We have had to regret the illness of Miss Murray, which has prevented her

return; the illness of Miss McLaurin, and the death of Mrs. Cross, and of one of the members of our Board, Mrs. Been. We have also acted with regret on the resignation of Miss Morrow from the work, her physical condition rendering it impossible for her to continue, as Conference in India having stated.

It has been a great pleasure that the Honorary President, Mrs. Claxton, has been able to open each of the meetings as leader in the devotional exercises, and that our President has been in the chair on each occasion. There have been regular reports received from the mission fields, and from the lately-established Bureau of Literature in the East, showing continued use of the Bureau. The Superintendent of Mission Bands has also been able to attend the meetings and report, a special feature of her work this year being the securing of new blanks concerning which her report will doubtless speak. These were a gift to the Board and on several other occasions has the Board been called upon to acknowledge the kind favor of friends.

The Board itself has undertaken special efforts for the increase of the funds, and Rev. Joseph Sullivan and Mr. C. S. J. Phillips have favored us with lectures, which have proved successful.

There have been various exchanges of civilities between this and other societies meeting in convention, and the Board has been represented at the various associational meetings and the World's Alliance meeting in Philadelphia, while the Corresponding Secretary made a special visit to several Circles in the East.

The five new life members, which have been received this year are cordially welcomed.

In submitting this, her final report, your Secretary recalls with pleasure the friendly relations between herself and the members and officers of the sister Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and assures the Convention that while her removal from the city prevents her continuance in the office, her interest in the work and the workers will continue to be as strong as ever.

Respectfully submitted,

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