

## Afternoon Session, 2 p.m.

2.00—Hymn 228: "Jesus shall Reign Where'er the Sun." Prayer, Mrs. A. H. Newman, Toronto. Minutes of the Morning Session. Report of the Nominating Committee.

2.30—Report of the Prayer Union, Miss Clemesha, Port Hope.

2.40—Corresponding-Secretary's Report, Miss Buchan, Toronto. Music.

3.10—Address: "Condition of the Women of India," Miss Rogers, Toronto, returned missionary from India; followed by five five-minute talks:—

1st—Contrast our own position, Miss F. M. Her, Ridgeway.

2nd—Our responsibility, Mrs. H. Welch, London.

3rd—The children of India, Mrs. J. H. Sowerby, Chatham.

4th—The Woman's Society, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Toronto.

5th—Am I my sister's keeper? Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Hamilton.

Collection. Hymn 233: "Thou Whose Almighty Word."

4.00—Paper on Mission Bands, Miss Katie Fisher Paisley.

5.00—Prayer. Adjournment.

## Evening Session, 8 p.m.

Hymn 705: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Scripture readings. Prayer. Minutes of Afternoon Session.

Address, Rev. H. F. Laflamme, returned missionary from the Telugus.

Collection. Music. Prayer.

Thursday, May 21st.

## HOME MISSIONS.

## Morning Session, 9.30 a.m.

9.55—Prayer Service, led by Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, Sparta.

10.00—Opening Exercises. Hymn. Scripture Reading, Mrs. A. R. McMaster, Toronto. Prayer.

10.15—President's Address, Mrs. Charles J. Holman, Toronto.

10.20—Reports of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Visitor, Indian Committee, Secretary of Bonds.

11.00—Hymn. Prayer.

11.05—Nomination and Election of Officers, Members of Board and Indian Committee.

12.00—Adjournment.

## Afternoon Session, 2.00 p.m.

2.25—Prayer Service, led by Mrs. T. S. Shenston, London.

2.30—Opening Exercises. Hymn. Prayer.

2.40—Minutes of Morning Session.

2.45—General discussion, opened by Mrs. D. Hutchinson, Brantford, and Mrs. A. E. de St. Dalmas, Fonthill. Subject: "How can the spirit of missions be encouraged and raised to its proper standard in the churches, and in the hearts of those who love the cause of Christ?"

3.15—Greetings from Sister Societies.

3.45—"The Indian Work," Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Toronto.

4.05—Map Exercise on the work of the W. B. H. M. S. of Ontario, Mrs. J. F. Barber, Hamilton.

4.15—Music. Collection.

4.20—Discussion, opened by Mrs. E. W. Dadson, Woodstock. Subject: "How can we secure a larger number of women to attend the meetings of our Circles? Would not the financial problem be solved if this were accomplished?"

5.00—Adjournment.

## Evening Session, 8 o'clock.

Opening Exercises—Hymn. Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Lillie, Toronto.

Address—Rev. C. A. Eaton, Toronto.

Music. Collection.

Benediction.

## HOW THE THING CAN BE DONE; OR A PASTOR'S QUESTION AND THE ANSWER.

A pastor, whose bright eye and quick manner indicated energy and enterprise, put the following abrupt question: "Is there any way in heaven or on earth by which a Baptist church can be made to believe in missions?"

"My brother, 'a Baptist church is of necessity a missionary church; what do you mean?"

"I mean," he replied, "that I preach to two Baptist churches in the country which take no more interest in missions than they take in the inhabitants (if it has any) of the planet Mars."

"But a Baptist church loses its claim to be a New Testament church in the true sense if it refuses to give to missions, for the New Testament is throughout a missionary book."

"Then my churches are not New Testament churches," replied the young pastor.

"Perhaps after all," I said, "the churches are not altogether to blame. How do you know they are opposed to missions?"

The reply was: "When I make my annual appeal for missions I get little sympathy and less money. The brethren seem to fortify themselves against my sermon and appeal, before it comes, and many stay away altogether. To me it seems a shame and a disgrace for God's people to act in this way."

I replied: "As you have asked me for an answer to your first question allow me now to give you an answer which I hope will meet your difficulty. You wish to know how a Baptist church can be made to believe in