

3. That a combination of Home and Foreign work must result in a change in our constitution, and that this would lead to a change in our relationship to the F. M. Committee. Following out this thought, she asked to whom or to what would or could the Society be auxiliary, or would it be an independent society contributing to both Home and Foreign missions? 4. She said that the members of the Executive felt the very great importance of the Home work, and as individual members of the Presbyterian Church were contributing towards it. But the friends settling in the North-west had their Bibles and the knowledge of the true God; the heathen were in darkness, and the command was to give them the Gospel. She would venture a suggestion to the ministers to present to their congregations the claims of Home Missions, either on the Lord's Day or at the prayer service. Replying to the argument against the formation of a separate organization by women for Home Missions, as tending towards a multiplicity of meetings, she said that, while there might be truth in the statement that we have too many meetings, that it could apply only to the large cities and not to country places, nor to the Church in general, where for the most part the auxiliary was the only meeting to bring the women together. That these meetings were of great good spiritually; that if we had no auxiliaries there could be no representative body or woman's board of any kind. Lastly, in reply to the statement that the ladies had come to the Conference with their minds made up, she said that truly they had done so, because, being auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee, we were bound to be faithful and loyal to that Committee.

Mrs. MacLaren referred to the views she had already expressed to the Board, and which had been presented in the minute, and mentioned, in addition, that the women of our Society were already overworked, and that it was not reasonable to ask them to do more. 2. That if the Home Mission Committee desired organized assistance in their work, why not organize the boys and young men of the Church? After the organization of the W.F.M.S. they had been asked why they left out the boys and the young men. The Home Mission work is one which they could undertake, and which would do them good. If they undertook the work they would then find out the difficulties our Society had to contend with. After informing themselves of facts con-