

To those who fear every new movement among Christians, we commend the following weighty words from the *Missionary Review*:—Conservatism may insure safety, but it may also produce inertia; it may remove obstacles in the rear, but it cannot dismantle mountains in the front; it may pull back on the brink of a precipice, but it will not go forward when it has the opportunity of working a miracle.

WHEN AND WHAT TO READ.

If you are impatient, sit down and have a talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong-headed, go to see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy man or woman, read Daniel.

If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the Promised Land.

BIBLE READER.

AT Haidarabad, a photographic studio has been opened, in which the operators are all women. The Koran forbids the making of portraits, but the Muftis have declared that photography cannot be included in the prohibition since the prophet knew nothing of it.—*Missionary Review*.

A NIECE of King Theebau, a bright girl of seventeen, and pupil in the Wesleyan Mission, has applied for baptism.—*Missionary Review*.

THERE is a whole volume of suggestiveness in the following:—A young man was being examined preparatory to uniting with the church. "Under whose preaching were you converted?" inquired the pastor. "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply. "I was converted through *my mother's practising*."

QUESTION CORNER.

IF a sister is so poor that only after great self-sacrifice and love to Christ she puts two cents a week into her mite box, and at the end of the year presents said mite box to the Women's Missionary Society, is her one dollar and four cents credited to the mite boxes—and so she is not a member—or is the one dollar taken for membership fees, and the four cents goes in the mite box column? Please answer in **OUTLOOK**, and oblige,
Yours,
C. E. BRAY.

REPLY.

Money cannot be reported in two places. If it is paid to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary as *mite box money*, it must be so reported. If, however, a sister so desires, we see nothing to hinder her saving her two cents a week and paying it as *her membership fee*, which plan we would recommend, at the end of the year. If she desires, she might add one cent to the four, and become thus a subscriber to the *Monthly Letter Leaflet*, which would speak to her of missions throughout the year.

WESTERN BRANCH.

THE tenth annual meeting was held in the Central Church, Woodstock, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1892. The session opened at 2.30 on Tuesday. Mrs. Burns, of St. Thomas, in the chair. After devotional exercises and routine a most touching and solemn memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Dickson, London. As each name was called some member of the convention rose and gave a short sketch of the life and work of the sister deceased. Mrs. Dickson closed with a few thoughts on the shortness of life and our consequent responsibility. The following is the list of "promoted members":

Mrs. J. Grant, Acton; Mrs. S. Robinson, Miss Cooley, Mrs. Awde, Mrs. Stinson, Miss Ham, all of Brantford; Grandma Sharpe, Caistorville; Miss Davidson, Dundas; Mrs. Smith, Dunnville; Mrs. J. Crowe, Mrs. J. C. Walker, Miss S. A. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Clark, of Guelph; Mrs. A. McCallum, Hamilton; Mrs. G. Horning, Jerseyville; Mrs. Tisdale, Otterville; Mrs. S. A. Morse, Niagara Falls South; Miss Annie Code, Listowel, who left the Society a bequest of \$800; Mrs. Rev. J. C. Laird, and Mrs. A. S. Abbot, London; Mrs. Elson, London West; Miss Dora Switzer, Kirkton; Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Austin, of Paris; Mrs. S. Bradley, Tintern; Mrs. Fulford, Teeswater; Mrs. Grafton Smith, Woodstock; Mrs. Crow, Welland; Mrs. Morden, Rock Chapel; Mrs. L. C. Kilty, Sarnia; Mrs. F. Charlton, Littlewood; Mrs. J. S. Job, Waterdown. A number of resolutions and memorials were handed in to the Committee, all referring to General Board work and which will appear in the proceedings of that Board.

Between the afternoon and evening session an elegant and appetising tea was served in the lecture-room, to which hungry delegates did ample justice, spending a pleasant hour in social intercourse.

The evening service was conducted by the ladies, Mrs. Burns being in the chair. The audience was large and attentive, indeed all the evening meetings were well attended, the Woodstock friends showing their appreciation of the sessions by filling the church on each occasion.

Mrs. Burns in her address reviewed the work of the Society from its inauguration, urging upon the women of our churches the responsibility of using every talent, each one stirring up the gift that is in her. Mrs. Cunningham, Cor.-Sec., gave her report. Nineteen new auxiliaries and 9 new mission bands had been organized, besides several ready for work with the incoming year; 5 auxiliaries had dropped. The number of auxiliaries at present, 148; annual members, 3,500; life members, 186; total members, 3,686, increase, 405; mission bands, 59, an increase of 4. Mrs. Williams followed with the Treasurer's report given by quarters, as follows: First quarter, \$1,524.01; second quarter, \$1,645.20; third quarter, \$1,763.73; fourth quarter, \$4,962.76; total \$9,895.70; with a few other items added making an income of \$10,040.12, and increase of \$1,700. Sent to Gen. Treas., \$9,800; both reports accepted. The addresses of welcome and reply were given respectively by Mrs. Ross, Woodstock, Mrs. Mills, Guelph. Sister societies were represented by Mesdames Dadson, Baptist; White, Congregational; new