

of the Woman's Auxiliary, read an address of greeting, containing much of interest regarding work in the United States.

The various committees were elected to report next day, when the morning prayer at St. John's Church brought all together for a short service before beginning business.

Reports were read from twelve parochial branches and much of interest reported, but all details will be hereafter learned from the annual report, much being necessarily omitted in this brief account; several additions to the Executive are arranged for, the development of the work demanding such changes. It was decided to form Children's Auxiliaries where practicable, with officers of their own, excepting the Secretary, who shall be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. General Secretary of Children's work for the diocese, to be Miss Reiffenstein, of Ottawa, who has much experience in the duties of the office.

The Box or Dorcas Department of the Woman's Auxiliary is becoming so important as to necessitate the appointment of a special secretary or superintendent, which office will be filled by Mrs. E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, with whom all branches wishing to prepare boxes for missions, either in or out of the Diocese, will be expected to communicate. It being also thought desirable that all matters relative to the working of the Woman's Auxiliary be regularly and carefully reported by an authorized reporter. Mrs. Macleod Moore, of Prescott, was chosen to act in that capacity; also as Secretary of the proposed Department of Literature, jointly with Mrs. Annie Rothwell, of Kingston. The question of missionary scholarship was discussed at length, but finally adjourned for the present, the general feeling, however, being much in favor of such a decided and united action by the Woman's Auxiliary, if in accordance with the views of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The election by ballot of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Tilton, President; Mrs. Grant Powell and Mrs. Buxton Smith, Vice-Presidents; Miss A. B. Yeilding, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Pollard, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. R. V. Rogers, Treasurer, the only change being the Recording Secretary. The different committees reported and proposed resolutions, which were passed unanimously. By the action of the meeting it was on motion carried that the next annual meeting be held at Carleton Place in the month of June, 1889.

Mrs. Blair, President of Brockville Presbytery, visited the meetings, and by invitation addressed a few words of kind sisterly congratulation and sympathy to the assembly.

After some routine business was transacted, and a short valedictory given by the President, the benediction closed a most happy and profitable gathering of an extremely orderly and business-like character, largely owing in a degree to the efficiency of the officers, and the satisfactory local ar-

rangements, all combining to arouse a feeling of profound interest and thankfulness in all who participated.

INDIA.

FROM MISS HARDING, CALCUTTA, DEC. '87.

We began this day by a joyful event. I wish you could have been present in our old church this morning when a Tamil family received baptism. Mr. Woods from Colombo, took the service, as he knows Tamil; and we thought it would be nice for them to have the service in their own language. Several friends were there, and a good many native Christians were also present, both Tamil and Hindustani. A few heathen friends also came to witness the ceremony. You can understand the joy of seeing one of our pupils come out on the Lord's side. She generally dresses according to Madras custom in very gorgeous colors, but to-day she appeared in a spotless white sari with gold borders, and most of her jewels had been laid aside. As we gathered around the font I could not help feeling as I looked at the happy peaceful face what joy there must be in heaven to-day. It was touching to hear her repeat the Belief after Mr. Wood, and her responses were all so clear. She kept her own name, Iwanratama, which means "eternal life." Her husband also retained his name, "Yaghamburram," the little boy of two and a half years, receiving the name of John; they had never given him a name, wishing he should receive it first in baptism. Considering that the child is generally in perpetual motion he behaved very well, though not understanding why he must be quiet. One of his godfathers was a Tamil catechist, a very earnest young man. It was beautiful to see him take the little child in his arms and present it to Mr. Ireland Jones to name. This part of the service for the child Mr. Jones took at the request of the father, who was prepared by him for baptism. The little one gazed most intelligently at his parents as they knelt with bent heads and were sprinkled, and when his turn came he bent his little head and was perfectly quiet, not uttering a sound. I know all who gathered there to witness, prayed that the little one might indeed be one of the lambs of Christ's flock from his infancy. I have had the joy of reaping this sheaf, and can fully rejoice with her who sowed the seed. It is very good of God to give us this joy, a token of richer blessings still in our work, for I know "we shall reap if we faint not." You may imagine how full my heart is to-day. Mrs. Macdonald, formerly of Madras, was the sower, and I want her to know that her labor was not in vain, and that Iwanratama will be a star in her crown. Do send up a note of thanksgiving for this work.

Copy of a letter to Mrs. Macdonald:—

"Though personally a stranger, you are not so by name, and I feel we are bound together now by a very close link. A few months ago I saw a Madras woman at our service Sunday after Sunday.