

first love and cry, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do? Then let us do the smallest task, gladly looking to Him to bless it and give the results.

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### RECEPTION.

The Women's Foreign Mission Board of Ontario West is usually a very serious and business-like body, its meetings marked by careful deliberation but quick despatch of an always full agenda. Its gathering of Monday evening, April 3, was so different in atmosphere and action but so altogether delightful in composition and character that one can only say, "May its tribe increase!"

Miss Cowan, whose name, the President very fittingly said, was becoming to us a synonym for hospitality, had for the second time, invited the Foreign Board and their guests to her home for a social evening. When it comes to a matter of selection, this same Foreign Board finds itself in an embarrassment of riches as regards friends, but this time there were added to its own number, the Women's Home Mission Board, the General Foreign Board, the President and one representative from every Women's Circle and Young Women's Circle in the city. Each person present was required to wear his name and that of his home church, but it was scarcely necessary, for common interests made introductions superfluous, and conversation flourished without effort.

Mr. John Firstbrook was "Master of Ceremonies" and introduced the three who sang for us and who were generous enough to respond to the appreciation shown, Mrs. Fenton-Box, Miss Muriel Stark and Mr. Burley,—Mrs. Zavitz, who drew attention to the basket where we might exercise the grace of giving for the benefit of the Publications Department,—Mrs. Matthews, the President of the Foreign Board, who, as joint-hostess with Miss Cowan, put into words the feeling of pleasure of the Board in the evident success of its "party,"—and also Mrs. H. L. Stark, who was bringing to us the

story of her recent trip to Japan, and of the Sunday School Convention she attended there. It was good to hear of the numbers who gathered from every quarter to that distant land in behalf of Sunday-school work, of the warm welcome accorded them by the Japanese, Christians and non-Christians alike, of the perfection of arrangements for their entertainment in Tokio and elsewhere, of the enviable spirit of courage with which they met the disaster of the fire,—and more than all of the enthusiasm "wisdom-bred and throned in wisdom" regarding Sunday-school work, its prosecution, and perfection. One felt that the great object alike of our Mission endeavor and our Sunday-school endeavor, that "every knee should bow, and every tongue confess" could not but be brought appreciably nearer by such a conference as that of Tokio.

And, indeed, though in different manner and measure, as with that, so with this evening. The pleasure of meeting with friends old and new, combined with the address given, is still another incentive to "set forward our banners" and the Board can only wish it were possible to gather together the scattered hosts throughout the Province as it did the Toronto ones,—and most gratefully does it thank Miss Cowan for making all this possible.

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### "LINKS" MISSING.

In looking over the files of "Links" for the last twelve years preparatory to having them bound, we find a few numbers missing. It is very important that the office file should be complete. If any subscriber has these back numbers and would be willing to spare one or more of them they would be gratefully received. The missing numbers are January, February, March, April, May and December of 1909; February, 1910; July-August, 1912; April, 1918.