

States owing to the neglect of Home Missions on the part of the American Church in earlier days. Unless more were done, and done *now*, for the spiritual needs of the North-west, Ontario would, in the future, be made to suffer. These people had votes, and, what with the Roman Catholics in Quebec and a population without any religion in the North-west, Ontario would be crushed between the upper and the nether millstone.

The Convener then invited the ladies of the Executive to express their views on the proposed change. Mr. Cassels read the resolution of the Board adopted at the regular meeting in October.

Mrs. Harvie, in a few words, introduced the Recording Secretary, who, she said, would read a paper which had been prepared by Mrs. Ewart, whose absence she regretted. She also stated that, in view of this Conference, the question had been discussed at length by the Board at its last meeting, and that the Secretary would read the minute respecting it. Mrs. Ewart's paper and the minute of the Board were then read.

The points touched upon in Mrs. Ewart's paper were: 1. The special object for which the Society was organized under sanction of the General Assembly. 2. The obligation of the Society to meet annually the estimates given to them by the Foreign Mission Committee, and the hitherto hearty co-operation of all our branches. 3. The risk involved, under the proposed change, of a shortage in funds to meet the needs of the Foreign Mission Committee in respect to the work for heathen women and children, and the almost certain check to the extension of that work. 4. The express declaration of the Society, at its last annual meeting, against any attempt to depart from the original purpose for which it was organized. 5. The danger of introducing an element of confusion, and, possibly, of discord, into a hitherto harmonious organization. 6. That missions among the Indians are practically Home Mission work. 7. That the W.F.M.S. has neither salaried officers nor any provision for travelling expenses, and incurs no outlay except for postage, printing, and incidental expenses of meetings.

Mrs. Harvie, in support of the reasons presented in the minute, said that the W.F.M.S. had been organized for a specific purpose, namely, the evangelizing of women and children in heathen lands. 2. That we were auxiliary to the F. M. Committee.