

it is the only real opportunity that the Society itself has to discuss what has been done or is about to be done, to approve or disapprove of it. When a report of Secretary or Treasurer is moved and seconded, the Society has its chance to endorse or reject what it contains.

The moment it is passed upon and adopted, the Society has endorsed as its own the schemes laid down or carried out, has spent its money according to the division stated, or has made laws for itself according to the particular report in question. If all this be true, and it surely is true, we must place great emphasis on our business sessions—must remember that we are there first of all "to do business for the King," and may rejoice to know that if we enter into it all with the right spirit, we shall not only find it losing its dulness, but will discover ourselves entertained, enthused and educated in a very real and delightful way.

The annual meeting of the Society is made up of delegates, visitors, Board members, officers and life members of the Society. To speak of the last first, life members, officers and Board members are entitled to vote at the annual meeting,—always remembering this does not mean the Convention as a whole, only the annual meeting of the Foreign Society. Life members or Board members of the Foreign Society have no right to vote at the annual meeting of the Home Society, unless otherwise qualified to do so.

As to visitors, all are invited to the annual meeting, to all the sessions, and the discussions are open to all, but visitors may not vote. As a matter of fact, there are always a large number of women who go to Convention every year, and who are not appointed every year as delegates. The privileges of a visitor are taken advantage of widely.

Delegates are appointed by the Circles to which they belong,—two delegates from a Circle having twenty members or less, one delegate for each additional twenty members. The only

necessary qualification to become a delegate to the Foreign Society annual meeting is that the person must be a member of the Society,—that is, must pay \$1 a year at least to the funds. As has been mentioned before, many of our Circles have members who do not pay \$1 a year to the Foreign Society. These are not eligible for appointment as delegates to the annual meeting.

The majority of our Circles, perhaps, are able to send only one or two representatives to the Convention, and they are in the habit of appointing these as delegates to the "convention," not usually delegates to one Society meeting or the other. That is quite in order so long as the person or persons concerned is a member of both Societies,—that is, pays at least \$1 a year to each. Otherwise, it is out of order. This is a point that the Circles need to watch. In some of our Circles, where more than one delegate is sent, it is the custom to appoint some as delegates to the Home Society annual meeting, and others as delegates to the Foreign Society annual meeting. In that case the delegate has a vote only at the meetings of the Society for which she has been appointed representative.

MY MISSIONARY.

I had a friend whose path lay close to mine,
Alike our joys, our cares, our deep content;
And we with cheerful, even footsteps went,
Till on a sudden sharply forked the line
Where she was called afar, to work divine.
I from that angle shrank with pain and fear:
How can I give thee up, who art so dear?
How daily think what daily cross is thine?
At last, through many tears, I patience won.
I saw thee thread the uplands fair, and knew
To find thee I must yield thee utterly.
Would I resist God's will? His will be done!
Then brightened earth and sky and distant view:
God's strength is thine; I will not fear for thee.

—Sol.