

knowledge, from many years' experience as a missionary. Much might be done, said the speaker, by single women, even without the presence of male missionaries. The influence of Christian women was no less in heathen than in Christian lands and might be said to be even greater. The hope of the men of India lay in female education, it was a *fundamental* work. Great advances, educational, moral and religious, had been made in India, resulting from the influence of *missionaries*. Idolatry and pantheism were fast falling away from the minds of the people, and the idea of a *living God who answers prayer* was taking their place.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers on Thursday morning by the Board resulted in the re-election of the President ; Vice-Presidents ; Recording Secretary ; Secretary of Supplies ; Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Publications ; Corresponding Secretary, and Secretary of International Alliance without ballot, there being one nomination only for each of these offices. A ballot was taken for the offices of Treasurer, and of Home and Foreign Secretaries, which resulted in the election of Mrs. Shortreed, Foreign Secretary ; Mrs. Grant, Home Secretary ; and Miss George, Treasurer.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

A cordial invitation for the annual meeting next year from Mrs. McQuesten, on behalf of the Auxiliaries in Hamilton, was thankfully accepted by the Society.

MISSION BANDS.

Mrs. McNachtan, of Cobourg, brought out some good points in regard to Mission Band work. The boys should not be overlooked ; the President should not have all to do ; the President should be old enough and young enough ; children must have more to do than merely to listen. Mrs. Steele's paper on Mission Literature, which followed, suggested ways and means of using a missionary library. The LETTER LEAFLET was indispensable, and yet there were auxiliaries where it was not taken. An interesting discussion then took place, during which many practical plans were mentioned. One conclusion, however, was forcibly borne in upon many minds, namely, that the Mission Band leader must have head as well as heart, combined with a special fitness for dealing with children, and at least a fair share of original inventive ability. Mrs. Grant, of St. Mary's, struck a true note in saying that mothers, and especially young mothers, had much to do with the success of Mission Bands.