

whom ready for work. Then every moment is occupied in caring for the bodies of the poor neglected women around them, or in ministering to their dark souls' greater need, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much." We are not told how much, but great blessings always follow continued and earnest prayer.

As surely as the Lord has opened all nations to the Christian missionary, so surely will He open the hearts of the people to receive the message His servant carries, if by "patient continuance in well doing," we uphold them and honor our Father. But we must not forget that the whole burden of raising supplies for these workers rests upon us as a Society. It certainly is very considerable, but not more than our Lord has helped us in during the past years, and not more than He has given us to be used in His service. If every woman in our churches and every child in our Bands give as we have received, there would be more than enough. Out of our abundance let us give joyfully and faithfully to this work, both in home and foreign lands, remembering "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." And may He bless every woman who, from her happy Christian home, reaches out a helping hand across the seas to teach and save the poor heathen women of India.

The Associational reports were given by the Directors. Miss Annie Harris, of Brantford, reported for Brant Association, Mrs. Welter, St. Thomas, for Elgin, Mrs. Wold, of London, for Middlesex and Lambton, in the absence of Miss McKechnie, of Claude, Miss Buchan, gave the report for Midland Counties, Mrs. Wm. Forbes, of Grimsby, for Niagara, Mrs. Wm. Lutes, for Norfolk, Mrs. Fraser, of Owen Sound being absent, Miss Buchan, gave the report for Owen Sound, Mrs. Wm. Peer, of Norwood, for Peterboro and Belleville, Mrs. Wells, of Toronto, for Toronto, Miss A. V. Bradon, Teeswater, for Walkerton; Miss A. E. Dryden, of Greenbank, for Whitby and Lindsay; Miss Florence Iler, of Ridgeway, for the Western, Miss V. M. Taylor, Collingwood, for the Northern.

Mrs. J. J. Baker, gave an interesting address on *Mothers and Missions*, to which many a mother's heart responded. We expect to publish it in Dec. LINK.

The roll call was responded to by a large number of delegates. Very nearly three hundred were in attendance.

Reports were then read by the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, which will be printed in this issue of the LINK.

Directly after the opening of the afternoon session, Miss Buchan gave the Corresponding Secretary's report, and read some extracts from the Zenana and School reports, all of which are given in full in this number of the LINK.

The editor gave a financial report of the LINK; of which the following is a summary.

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| Receipts for the year | \$980 10 |
| Expenditure for Printing, Mailing, and Stationary, Subscriptions for Magazines, Cuts, etc. | \$856 10 |
| Salary | 200 00 |
| | 856 10 |
| Profits | \$124 00 |

The following dividends have been made to the four societies represented:

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| Ontario, 63 per cent. | \$78 12 |
| Maritime Provinces, 23 " | 28 52 |
| E. Ont. & Que. 9 " | 11 10 |
| Manitoba, 5 " | 6 20 |

Income in excess of last year..... \$143 82

Rev. Alexander Grant, of Winnipeg, was present and addressed the Convention at this time instead of Mrs. Halkett, (Sister Bello) who reserved her address for Thursday afternoon, when she spoke very earnestly, urging upon the sisters the need for great effort in this great work. That we should be training our children to love the work; that even the busy mothers who have no help in household work may do this; she may, while peeling the potatoes or washing the dishes, entertain her little ones with thrilling stories of missionary

heroes and heroines. Children are so fond of stories, and no more interesting ones can be found than those in the annals of missions. She also urged upon all to be more liberal; surely, she said, if we love the Lord Jesus at all, we love Him more than twenty-five cents a year, or even, we thought, a dollar a year, that so many content themselves with giving.

The proposed new constitution was then brought up, the writer reporting for the committee, and presenting the changes proposed. In revising the old constitution the committee had made as few changes as possible, wishing only to adapt it to the present methods by which the Society is working, and to add a few items which seemed necessary for the future working of the Society. After considerable discussion, several articles were adopted. As the time for the consideration of this subject was exhausted, and the report not finished, the committee asked that the matter be referred to the Board to appoint a new committee which should report at the next annual meeting, and, further, that sufficient time be allotted in the next programme for this report. At the meeting of the Board the next afternoon, the following were appointed as a committee to revise and report at next annual meeting: Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Newman, Miss Hatch, Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. J. J. Baker.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected by open nomination and acclamation.

EVENING MEETING.

The body of the house had been almost filled at both morning and afternoon sessions, but this evening the galleries and all seating capacity was taxed to its utmost. Mrs. Archibald gave an address on "Idolatry in India," illustrating by a number of incidents in her experience. We wish that we might give our readers a few of her burning words. She has promised to write something for the LINK and tell us how we in this Christian land impress her after so long an absence in India. She has been telling us, "what of the night" out in India. We would like to know "what of the day?" here, as regards our interest in missions. Alas, we fear, it is still dark to us as regards our knowledge of the full measure of our responsibility.

Mr. Luokens, one of the missionaries of the Woman's Missionary Society, addressed the Convention also.

The next day was devoted to Home Missions. The programme was interesting and profitable: a full account will, we presume, be given in the *Baptist*, and afterward in the *Record*.

Before the Convention closed a resolution was passed thanking the Brantford people for their kind hospitality. Also to Mr. Blackadar, the G. T. R. agent, for his kind attention. We think that the press should have our thanks. The *Globe* sent a special reporter, who was present during the whole session. The next meeting will (D. V.) be held in London, Talbot St. Church.

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Edited by Miss A. E. Johnstone.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least, of these, ye have done it unto me."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOV.—That the spirit of prayer may be poured out upon us all. Luke 11: 1.

DR. PIERSON says: "Behind all the apathy of individuals and the inactivity of churches, behind all the lack of enthusiasm and the lack of funds; behind all the deficiency of men, and of means of intelligence and of conversation, readiness to send and charity in going, there lies one lack deeper and more radical and more fundamental—viz.: *The lack of believing prayer.*"