

The reports were, on motion of Mrs. McQuesten, Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. McWhirter, Woodstock, unanimously adopted.

After the report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted, a solo, "Who will go and work to-day?" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Cooper, London.

#### BUSINESS FROM LAST YEAR.

With regard to the Training Home for Missionaries, the President explained that it had been decided, with the approbation of the Foreign Mission Committee, to take no further steps at present, but to wait to see the matured plans of the proposed Deaconess Home to be established on evangelical lines during the coming autumn by Miss Wilson, daughter of the late Sir Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University.

The recommendation of the Conference of the previous evening respecting Article III. of the Constitution relating to the membership fee, led to a prolonged and earnest discussion, a few urging that the exaction of a fee was not "Presbyterian," that it debarred some Auxiliaries and Bands from representation in the General Society, and that there ought not to be different grades of members, as they claimed was now the case. On the other hand, the reasons for making no change, as set forth in the finding of the Board were reiterated. These reasons were emphasised by Mrs. MacLaren, Toronto, in a brief statement which showed very clearly that the dollar fee was an essential feature of the General Society.

It was moved by Mrs. Cameron, Barrie, seconded by Mrs. Grant, Orillia, that the recommendation of the Board be accepted, and that Article III. remain unchanged.

It was moved in amendment by Mrs. McWhirter, Woodstock, seconded by Mrs. Byers, Gananoque, that Article III. be sent down to Presbyterian Societies to report upon at next Annual Meeting.