

A discussion arose on this resolution, and the matter was dropped for the present.

Letters were then read from the London and Guelph Conferences, expressing their sympathy and interest in the work.

The communication from the London Conference contained the following resolution :

"That in relation to the memorial from the Woman's Missionary Society praying for the hearty sympathy and co-operation of every minister and member of the Church, we, recognizing the valuable aid rendered by the Society to the Church, strongly recommend to the superintendents of circuits the advisability of forming 'branches' of the Woman's Missionary Society wherever practicable throughout our entire work."

Several questions relating to the work were asked and answered.

The Secretary re-read the list of appropriations. The 599th hymn was then sung—a hymn of consecration—after which the President invited Mrs. Van Benschoten to the platform, who then addressed the meeting, giving a brief history of her early experience in this missionary work, forming societies, etc. A great many valuable hints were given and an earnest appeal made for the women of this Society to consecrate themselves as never before to this work.

A collection was then taken on behalf of the Society.

The following resolutions were then passed :

"That the most earnest thanks of this Society be tendered to Rev. Dr. MacDonald and Rev. Mr. Eby for their thoughtful and unwearied kindness to our representative in Japan, and we most urgently request that they and all our ministers in charge there would still consider our interests, and give such counsel to us or our agents as they may deem best."

"That we express our sincere gratitude to our retiring Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Watkins, jr., for her fidelity and unceasing care for the interests of the Society."

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Kingston.

Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, the Foreign Secretary of the Presbyterian W. F. M. S., then addressed the ladies, after which votes of thanks were passed to the members of the press for their courtesies ; to the railroad authorities for reduced rates ; also to the friends in Toronto who have so kindly entertained our delegates and made our stay so pleasant in this city.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 24TH.

After prayer, led by Mrs. Holland, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. The President then stated the different subjects to be discussed.

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