

THE MISSION CIRCLES AND YOUNG WOMEN.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST.

Greetings to the Baptist women, old and young, in Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

When this reaches your eyes, dear reader, vacation days will be over, and it will be time for us all to prepare with renewed vigor for another year of missionary endeavor in our Master's service.

A good beginning is of vital importance, and I want to suggest to you what appears to me to be the very best start for your winter's work.

At your September meeting appoint at least one of your members as a delegate to the Convention to be held at Kenmore, and see that she goes. The latter is as important as the first.

The enthusiasm and interest which will be brought back to you will make you want to go yourself, and hear at first-hand the story of the year, meet your officers and missionaries and take a vital interest in the affairs of the Society. Once form the habit, and wild horses will not keep you from Convention, for you will begin to feel that you are a part of it, and that things could not get along without you. Will you not try to make the reading of the Roll Call a glad feature of our Annual Meeting, and not the sad one that it has been? Sisters, in the small towns and rural districts, I appeal to you to come to Kenmore and let us look into your faces. If you live near, persuade your fellow-members to go over in a body as visitors. In these days of rapid transit this could easily be accomplished by motor, and I can promise you that your Circle will not be lacking in enthusiasm and interest this winter.

There will be many vacant places to be filled; especially do we mourn the loss of our First Vice-President, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace. Eagerly welcomed by our Foreign Board a few short years ago, when she came to Montreal, her wise counsel and able planning were much appreciated, and the gracious manner with which she presided at our

meetings in the absence of your President will always be remembered with gratitude. Still another loved companion has "gone over"—one whose presence we shall miss unspeakably at Kenmore. On July 22nd, in Ottawa, there passed away Mrs. Lizzie Y. Parson, one of the organizers, and for twenty-five years Corresponding Secretary of our Home Missionary Society. Familiar as she was with the details of the work, many a Home Missionary on our needy fields has found in her something more than the efficient Secretary, and returned to his work strengthened by her bright good cheer, with "courage to face the road." Her legacy to us is one of faithfulness to duty. Do you know that for more than twenty-five years she never missed attending our Convention? Sometimes difficulties were in the way, but Sister Parson was always there to help out in any and every capacity in which she was needed. Bright, humorous and enthusiastic, her reports were always eagerly looked forward to, and I have been impressed with the message which she continually pressed home to us, especially during these later years—that the time is short, and that there is so much work to be accomplished. She showed, by her unwearied and loving service, that the words of Jesus were very real to her, when He said: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

These dear women have been called for higher, holier service, and it is left with us to "carry on." True, they were remarkable women, and we are not all called upon to take the leading part; but only too often the real work is left with the few, who, having caught the vision, are willing to shoulder the responsibility. This is not the way that we are going to win the battle. Each one must enlist for service, and we are wronging ourselves and wronging our Saviour if, because it is the easier way, we refuse any responsibility that comes to us, and we have the ability to carry it through.