

Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West).

Miss Mihill, of Brantford, kindly acted as Convention Secretary from whose Minutes this Report is condensed,

THE 29th annual meeting of the F. M. Society was held in Waterford, November 9, 1905. The delegates were royally entertained both in the homes and church, where luncheon and tea were served two days.

The morning session opened at 9.30 o'clock, with our president, Mrs. Firstbrooke, in the chair. After singing Mrs. T. M. Harris read Eph. 2nd chapter, after which Mrs. Gray offered prayer for a blessing on our Convention. Mrs. Firstbrooke then spoke on the 5th and 6th verses of Eph. 2, directing our thoughts from being "dead in sin" to our exalted position in Christ Jesus. The report of Miss Moyle, our faithful Recording Secretary for 11 years, was read and adopted, also that of our Treasurer, Miss Nasmith. Mrs. Porter reported for THE LINK. Receipts to November 1, 1905, \$984.69; disbursements, \$942.48; balance on hand, \$42.21; (a slight mistake occurred in these figures as given to the *Baptist* editor); number of subscribers, 4,977, an increase of 203 over last year. Report adopted, after which Miss Ritchie spoke of the helpfulness of the paper in our work, and urged its more extensive circulation and prompt support. Mrs. Lloyd read Mrs. Dancy's report of the Bureau of Literature, which had a successful year. Books and leaflets to the number of 15,082 had been sold, leaving a balance of \$57.29. It was heartily adopted, and pleasure was expressed that Mrs. Dancy had reconsidered her resignation.

Mrs. Hawkins, of St. George, gave a very interesting report of the Bands, showing increased interest in this important branch of our work.

Our Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, gave a very encouraging report from our Circles. Thirteen new ones have been formed, and one reorganized.

After singing a hymn, Mrs. E. L. Hill, of Guelph, brought the revision of the Constitution very clearly before the convention, explaining the new clauses and the need for changes with the growth of our Society. On ballot the Constitution was unanimously adopted.

A very impressive prayer service was conducted by Mrs. S. Hazleton, after which greetings were received from Bloor street Church, Toronto, the Eastern Ontario and Quebec Conventions, China

Inland Mission and the Presbyterian and Congregational Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, also a hearty welcome from the Methodist Church, Waterford, by Mrs. Kitchen.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. S. G. Read. Minutes of morning meeting read and adopted, followed by the election of the new Board. Mrs. Clump led in prayer for a blessing on the work of the year. Our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alexander, presented a very interesting report of the work in India. Mrs. Ryley, of Lindsay, moved its adoption and urged that special effort be made to increase the income of our society so as to meet its growing demands. Mrs. Allen seconded the adoption of the report and spoke of the importance of work among the women of India.

Mrs. S. S. Bates moved a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Elliot on the severe illness of Mr. Elliot, whom we regret has since passed away. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Firstbrooke on "Bungalow Homes in India." An impressive paper by Mrs. Clifford on "Systematic or Proportionate Giving," followed. Mrs. J. J. Ross gave a very suggestive talk on "How to Secure New Members for our Circles," and Mrs. Bates on "Why we Secure Them," followed by a conference on ways and means, at which helpful suggestions were given. Mrs. P. C. Cameron gave an inspiring address on "How to Interest Young Girls in Missions." It had been arranged that the afternoon collection should go to the Bungalow fund, and Mrs. T. M. Harris announced that at the Foreign Board meeting it had been decided to call the Vuyuru Bungalow the "Jane Buchan Bungalow," in memory of our late beloved F. M. Secretary. This met with general approval. Meeting adjourned.

The afternoon collection was given to that object.

A crowded audience assembled for the evening session. After singing, Mr. Elliot, pastor of the church, read the 47th Psalm and Mrs. Holman led in prayer. Mr. La Flamme then gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on the lives of our lady missionaries, especially Misses Hatch, Murray and Simpson, also of the valuable assistance of the native Christian women. We wish we could report the address fully but space forbids.