

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Convention of Ontario West

Held in the Adelaide St. Church, London, November 11, 1909

(Mrs. M. J. Mulock, Reporter).

Mrs. John Firstbrook, President, occupied the chair and greeted a large audience of delegates. The warm welcome voiced by Mrs. A. W. Woodburne, was felt to be doubly sincere, coming from the mother of our beloved missionaries, and proven by the efficient way in which we were provided for by our entertainers.

Mrs. M. P. Campbell, of Bothwell, read the Scriptures and Mrs. Dadson led in prayer. The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Campbell, was then given. As this report will appear in full in the "Link," no comment is necessary.

The Secretary of Bands, Mrs. G. W. Barber, reported a little decrease in finances, but more children interested and working. Ninety-seven Bands gave \$734.10 to Home Missions, a gain of twelve contributing Bands to the Home treasury. One hundred and twenty-two Bands gave \$1,379.35 to Foreign, \$169.40 less than last year. Thirteen new Bands were organized.

The new Treasurer, Mrs. D. N. Robertson, 29 Havelock Street, Toronto, who has lately come to us from England, was introduced by the President, and welcomed by the whole Convention rising and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

When it was found that we had a large deficit in our treasury, owing to unexpected demands, an Emergency Fund was started. This brought in \$635.84, reducing our deficit to \$277.74, but if our estimates are to be met, \$2,000 will have to be added to our regular income. This will have to be done by each Circle aiming at a higher mark in their regular contributions and making a determined effort to get every woman in the church a Circle member.

The new editor of the "Link," Miss J. M. Norton, B.A., in paying a tribute to the retiring editor, Mrs. Porter, said: "The machinery was so well oiled and in such good running order, that when a change in manager was made, the friction was reduced to a minimum."

The receipts of the "Link" for the year were \$1,068.03, disbursements

\$841.62, leaving a balance on hand of \$226.47. Number of "Links" taken October 31, 1908, 3,968; October 31, 1909, 4,476, an increase of 508.

The Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, reported that out of 13,376 women on the church rolls, only 4,935 contribute through the Circles to our treasury. The thirteen associations reported, showed progress to be fluctuating. Young Women's Circles were growing in number, and were filling a long-felt gap.

Miss Jeffrey and Miss Claypole spoke on Young Women's Circles. The paper by Miss Claypole is to appear in toto.

The election of officers and members of the Board resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. John Firstbrook.

First Vice-President—Mrs. John McLaurin.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. J. Ross.

Members of the Board, 1904-14—Mrs. Thos. Urquhart, Mrs. Jas. Byrie, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Miss Webster, Miss Nasmith, Mrs. P. C. Cameron, Mrs. Nancy, Mrs. Senior, Mrs. St. C. Balfour. 1909-13—Mrs. T. S. Johnson. 1909-11, Mrs. Zavitz.

Very cheering greetings were received from sister societies of London and also the W.C.T.U., these societies being represented personally.

As on the previous day of the Convention, the Bible, and its bearing upon our lives, and upon those whom we sought to win, was the theme of the addresses.

Mrs. Lloyd, in her talk on "the Bible, on Home and Foreign Missions," declared that if we took Missions out of the Bible, we took it to pieces. She gave many instances of God's displeasure at, and judgment upon, heathenism, and urged all to follow its precepts by being such true missionaries that if we could not go ourselves, we would help to smooth the way for others to go and tell the story.

Resolutions of thanks to Mrs. Porter, Miss Webster, Miss Nancy and the entertaining London friends, were adopted unanimously.