

3. The awful physical and spiritual need of the heathen.
4. The reproaches of non-Christian people are heaped upon Christians.
5. The uttered cry for help.
6. The benefit of missions to commerce.
7. The security of our nation now depends upon the civilization of all.
8. The reflex influence of missions on women and on the churches.
9. The success is assured.
10. The vast millions in darkness—the few laborers.
11. Love for the Lord Jesus Christ whose commands are explicit: Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; Mark xvi. 15; Luke xxiv. 27; Acts i. 8.

Resolved,—“That the thanks of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec be returned to the editors of the *Canadian Baptist*, *Link* and *Visitor*, for inserting with promptness our reports and other announcements, thus bringing our Societies before the Baptist people.”

On behalf of the Convention,
ETHEL C. AYER.

EVENING SESSION.

Dr. Dadson presided over the devotional exercises of the evening meeting, after which Rev. J. A. K. Walker spoke to us concerning the work that was being done in India. Christianity among the intelligent classes is now a live question. It has shaken the mighty rock of Hinduism to its centre, though its influence as yet is scarcely perceptible. He also spoke of the steadfastness of the Christian converts forsaking not the true God, even while undergoing the most terrible persecutions. Four hundred and fifty baptisms and five new churches is the result of the past year's labor.

Rev. A. A. Cameron spoke in the interests of Home Missions.

Reported by Mrs. C. W. White, Ottawa.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

MONTREAL, October 4th, 1898.

Another year of opportunities for work in the Master's vineyard has passed away. Its record stands to our account up above. What has the pen of the recording angel written over against our names? Is it “Well done good and faithful servant”? or, “Thou slothful one who hast wrapped up thy talent in the napkin of idleness and indifference, behold it shall be taken from thee and given to her who has the ten talents”? This is a solemn question; let each member of this Society take it to heart.

In glancing over the report of the Executive Board during the past, we find that four regular quarterly meetings have been held, with a faithful attendance and deep interest manifest by many of the members, the average attendance being 13.

Two special meetings were called, one in November, to consider the best means of wiping off the deficit which

fell to our lot for the first time in the history of the Society. It was decided to send out appeals to all the Circles, asking them to make some special effort to raise money for this debt.

Circles responded, and by the first of March your Board had the joy of once more being free.

To give the Montreal Circles an opportunity of doing their share, the Board decided to give an anniversary party in honor of their 21st year. Representatives from the City Circles were present, and with addresses, music, etc., a pleasant evening was spent, and some \$32 handed over to the Treasurer.

During the first part of the year we were encouraged and strengthened by the presence of our late beloved President, Mrs. Dadson. Her sun has gone down while it is yet day, but she has left behind her a memory full of inspiration and comfort. In June a special memorial service was held, and a resolution was passed at this meeting, extending to Dr. Dadson and his sons the sympathy of the Board under their severe trial.

Another of our members has also passed away, Mrs. Dakin, who for years has been much interested in the work, and was appointed a member of the Executive at our last annual meeting. Three have resigned through ill-health, and another removed from this city to Toronto, thus our ranks have been thinned out.

The three Associations met in June last. Much enthusiasm has been shown by the Directresses, which it is hoped will bear much fruit.

Mrs. Vaux, of the Canada Central Association, made a tour of the Circles in her district, with a view to forming new Circles and encouraging the old ones; all seemed pleased and strengthened by her brief visit. Under her leadership Smith's Falls organized, and Athens and Algonquin revived.

Mrs. D. McLaurin, Directress of the Ottawa Association, also recently made a trip, resulting in the formation of two Circles, one at Bellerica and the other at Clarendon. A Band has also been formed at Kenmore, and a Circle at Kemptville.

In the Eastern Association a Band has been organized at Belisle St. Mission, Montreal.

We have to report one life-member made this year, Mrs. Walter Paine, Montreal, a former member of this Board.

Finances.—We must express our most loving gratitude to God for the financial aspect of the Society. We have not only paid off a deficit of over \$200, but have been able to pay our appropriations, at the closing of the books, with the exception of some ten dollars, which it is hoped will be made up before Convention. We feel doubly thankful for this, as in no case were we able to meet the required payments at the Quarterly Board meetings. For some years we have made no advance in the work; it seems to us that this year should be a turning point. Instead of dropping work, as we were afraid we should be forced to do; we should take a step forward. During the past year 47 Circles have reported to the Treasurer, 6 more than 1897. We have made an increase of over \$200 in our contributions, as we raised the deficit. Miss McLaurin asks us to support her new Bible-woman; surely it is our duty