

are Dr. Smith, his sister, Dr. Pearl Chute, and Miss Priest. During the time I labored for and with this mission I have seen much accomplished. I have not known a more successful or better organized missionary enterprise.

Mrs. A. H. Newman.

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1901-1926.

You have heard the story of the beginning of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West) and its growth during the first twenty-five years. Accounts of beginnings of worth-while enterprises are always interesting. The development and expansion during the last twenty-five years has been so much greater than during the first period that this review must necessarily be very much condensed.

Looking first at the growth at home a comparison of figures for the years 1901 and 1926 are illuminating. In the former year there were approximately 11,500 women in the churches within the bounds of our Convention, and in 1926 there were nearly 19,000. Of these, in 1901, less than one-third contributed to Foreign Missions through 213 Circles, while in 1926, over 10,000 women, more than one-half, contributed through 274 Circles. So while Circles had not increased in numbers as in the first twenty-five years, Circle-members had almost trebled.

In 1901 there were 243 Life-members as compared with 1051 in our Jubilee Year.

Mission Bands in those early days fluctuated much the same as they do now. In 1901 fewer than the previous year reported, and the same is true now. Then 92 Bands gave \$827.00 and this year 150 have given \$2577.00. In recent years the Bands have also sent valuable boxes to India, Bolivia and various Home Mission fields. While we must make our statements in figures no statistics can possibly estimate the value of the influence of the Band training on the lives of the children. "Touch but the heart of a child and ages hence your finger-marks will be found upon him still."

In 1901 the total receipts from all sources were \$8128.00 and this year our Treasurer's statement shows they were \$35,894.00 more than four times as much.

There was a Bureau of Literature for some years before the time we are reviewing. I can find no statistics for 1901, but the next year 1317 leaflets and 38 books were sold, and receipts were \$53.82. This year the Literature Department took in \$639.00. There has been a great expansion since those early days. A number of years ago a Literature Committee was appointed by the Board to procure suitable books and pamphlets for the Bureau, and later it undertook to provide better distribution of the literature. The stock from which to choose became more varied and the circulation much larger. We cannot estimate the good done by this department, for it is a quiet, unobtrusive work and we cannot tabulate results. When in 1920 Mrs. Moor resigned and a change of Secretary became necessary, the Literature Committee, now the Publication Committee, felt that it was time for a forward movement. Business had so increased that it seemed wise to rent a room and engage a manager who could give more time to the demands of the Department. As the Bureau had been a joint organization of both the Home and Foreign Boards the former was asked to unite with us in this new venture, but not seeing their way clear to depart from the old method our Society began its new plan alone. The present quarters at 66 Bloor Street West, Toronto, were secured, and the Literature Department was opened with Miss Edith Dale in charge, and now, after five years, the Board feels that results have amply justified the change.

And then there was our periodical, "The Canadian Missionary Link", which all through its history has been an important part of our work, linking us at home with our missionaries, and bearing from them to us news of the triumphs of the Gospel. It entered on the second twenty-five years of our Society's life with a new editor, Mrs. W. H. Porter. There were at that time 4254 subscribers, more than half of whom were outside our own constituency. Until 1905 "The Link" was also the organ of the Women's