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W. M. S. CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society, Brockville District, which was held in the Methodist church, Lyn, Nov. 11, was a successful one. Despite the lowering clouds and drizzling rain, the Grand Trunk and B. & W. brought in a good delegation from nearly all the points over the District. At the depot, carriages were in waiting to convey the delegates to the church, where they were welcomed by representatives of the Lyn Auxiliary.

Over 80 delegates and visitors were in attendance. The morning session opened promptly at 10.30 with the District Organizer, Mrs T. S. Kendrick, presiding and Mrs Towris as secretary of the convention. The opening hymn, "Oh for a heart to praise my God," was followed by prayer by the pastor of Lyn church, Rev Stafford, and Mrs Stillwell, District Organizer of Kingston District. Mrs Read of Athens then gave a helpful Bible reading from Rom. I. first sixteen verses. Minutes of last convention were read by Mrs Towris. Just here a motion was made by Mrs Larke that a message of remembrance and kindly interest be sent from the convention to Mrs N. L. Massey, who so ably acted as secretary at our last convention and whose absence by removal was much felt. The roll call and reports from delegates followed next, 26 auxiliaries reporting. These reports were very encouraging, the majority of auxiliaries showing an increased membership and zeal.

Mrs Read took charge of the question Drawer, intelligently answering all the questions handed in by delegates, giving much practical information and wise advice, after which the convention adjourned for dinner. The Lyn ladies had prepared a most elaborate dinner and tea, perfect in all their appointments, in the church parlors, where they spared no effort to make everyone comfortable and happy. A very social time was spent until the convention was called to order at 2.30 with a much larger attendance. Mrs Culbert opened the afternoon session with prayer. A pleasing feature was the kind words of greeting extended to the convention from the sister societies of Lyn, Mrs Stafford speaking for the Methodist Auxiliary and Mrs Beach for the Presbyterian auxiliary. Mrs Spero and Mrs Read replying.

The District Report by Mrs Kendrick was full of courage and hope, showing steady growth and progress with 2 new auxiliaries and 1 mission band added. Mrs W. Tabor gave a paper on "The value of Prayer in Missions," followed by a solo, "Resignation," rendered very acceptably by Mrs Stillwell. A paper by Miss Earl on "How to reach the uninterested women of our congregation" was listened to with much interest, it being a vital question confronting all auxiliaries. She impressed on us the thought that when we saw this world as Christ sees it we would not rest until the help of all was enlisted; ever exercising, Push, Patience, Prayer. Mrs Pierce gave a "Plea for Mission Bands," showing it to be the child of the auxiliary and the importance of sowing the seed in the young minds that they may become efficient workers in the years to come. A paper on "Ideal Auxiliaries" was very ably dealt with by Mrs Cornell, that with ideal officers and program we would have most gratifying results. She placed before us an ideal to be attained only by our best effort. At this juncture the congregation arose and joined heartily in singing "I need thee every hour." Mrs Pearson gave us many beautiful thoughts on "Reflex Influence." As the trees and flowers give forth their perfume and fruit, so should our lives give out sweet fragrance of kind words and acts. The convention listened with pleasure to a trio sung by Mrs Percival, Mrs Perrin and Rev Stafford, "Send the Gospel message." A very earnest "Appeal for life members" was made by Mrs Cornell, urging individual responsibility in giving, portraying what great good earnest work can accomplish. A paper on "Watch in the present Crisis in Missions" was read by Mrs Corbett, in absence of Miss Stephenson, laying before us the need of preparing for the great work awaiting women. Mrs Dixon conducted a Testimony meeting, when many testified to the rich blessings brought to hearts and lives by missionary work. Before adjourning for tea, Mrs Kendrick was re-appointed District Organizer, which plainly spoke of their appreciation of her earnest work.

The evening session opened with the pastor, Rev Stafford, in the chair, Rev F. A. Read on the platform and a

well filled church awaiting the speakers. The large congregation sang "All hail the power of Jesus name," following an earnest prayer by Rev Read. The choir gave a beautiful rendering of the Anthem, "Marching Onward, Upward." Greetings from Mrs Williams, President Montreal Branch, and from Mrs Ross, President Board of Managers were read by Mrs Towris and Mrs Read respectively, expressing words of sincere sympathy in the work. Mrs Perrin gave an interesting Reading, "Piths and points." Mrs Read, who is a most welcome speaker to audiences in this District, was heard with keen interest in her report of "The Board Meeting" convened recently in Carlton church, Toronto. She gave a brief glimpse of the work in all the provinces of the Dominion and made an earnest appeal that this District should do its duty in supplying workers and means for the work. A Reading—"What if the Master should come, was given by Mrs Rodmond. The Rev F. A. Read was here introduced to the audience and gave the address of the evening. Those who have listened to Rev Read know some thing of the inspiration that would accompany this address. He stated that the W.M.S. was the child of Providence, the wisdom of the cause having been proved beyond a doubt. That it ever stood for world-wide evangelization, ready to help in either Domestic or Foreign work. He exhorted to faithfulness in every department. The address was clear, forceful, inspiring, and should entuse every listener to greater zeal. The closing number was a reading by Mrs Larke, who in her happy way always delights her hearers, and this was no exception. Collections were taken at afternoon and evening sessions to defray expenses. We were then led in closing prayer by Mrs Pearson, Mrs Beach and Mrs T. S. Kendrick, and the convention of 1908 was dismissed.

Too much cannot be said of the kindly welcome and genuine hearty hospitality extended to all the visitors, and the convention delegates will carry away only pleasant memories and kindest thoughts of their visit to Lyn.

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On motion, E. S. Clow was elected to preside and G. F. Donnelley acted as secretary. A letter was read from a leading American buyer stating that he expected to attend the fair and suggesting the 10th of December as the date to be fixed. Views expressed by Canadian buyers were also presented, and after full discussion it was decided to hold a two day fair early in December.

On motion, Messrs. Parish, Thompson, Clow and Donnelley were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for the fair, including correspondence with buyers, advertising, transportation, etc.

On motion, Messrs. Arnold, Beach, Dickson and Purcell were appointed a finance committee.

The feeling of the meeting was very optimistic as to the success of the undertaking. For several years Athens fair has led the county in the volume of business done and in the prices paid. At last year's fair, held on Dec. 6th, seventeen prominent American and Canadian buyers completed for the offering and about twenty tons changed hands at comparatively high prices. Every effort will be made to secure a large attendance of buyers at the coming fair, and as an extra inducement to poultry-raisers a number of cash prizes will be offered. Posters will be issued in a few days giving date of fair and all necessary directions.

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