

## Women's Convention—Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Reported by Mrs. Kirkland.

The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in Smith's Falls Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 9th, 1918.

The morning session was opened by a hymn of praise and scripture reading, and prayer by Miss K. H. Marsh, of Quebec, returned missionary from India. Mrs. Kirkland was elected reporter for the day's proceedings, and the little pages, Isabell Eldridge and Anna Ferguson, were introduced. Miss Washburn, on behalf of Smith's Falls Circle, extended greetings and a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates, and Mrs. H. H. Ayer replied in her presidential message. Routine business was gone through, and committees appointed; the associational directors gave their reports. Miss Chandler, for the Eastern, gave us a full report from all Circles of much accomplished, and the "Forward" movement being lived up to. Canada Central, by Mrs. McLaren, of Perth, reported improvement along all lines. Ottawa, by Mrs. Metcalfe, of Thurso, reported a decided improvement all over this Association. The Grande Ligne report was given by Mrs. McFaul, of Ottawa, also to be commended for the "Forward" step. The quiet hour was led by Mrs. Bickert, showing us the great need for a revival of study in the work of God, and teaching our young folk the need of keeping the Sabbath and yet having a joyful and suitable pleasure. Thus will our work and service prevail in these strenuous times.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Mrs. D. Bentley; President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Bickert; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Orsland; Recording Secretary, Miss Bentley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; Asst. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Martin; Treasurer, Miss F. M. Russell; Superintendent of Bands, Mrs. J. H. Ramsey; Superintendent Bureau of Literature, Miss Dakin. New members of the Board: Mesdames Halkett, Loudon, Gordon, McTavish, Griffith, Ohman, Wells and Kirkland.

The roll call was responded to by 39 delegates from Circles and 3 Bands. We were greatly cheered by the presence of three representatives from the Y. W. Circle of 4th Avenue Baptist Church, Ottawa. This is a new departure, and, we trust, will grow among our Circles.

The afternoon session was opened by a prayer service led by Mrs. Edmund Reynolds, Brookville, and here again our Watchword was held before us, to make our work great and effective, as the Lord is at hand, so we must go "Forward." We were delighted to meet Miss Wilson, of Edmonton, missionary-elect to Bolivia, whose few words will help to link our interest more firmly with the work in South America. The claims of the LINK were presented in a crisp little speech by Miss G. Clarke, of Ottawa, who also brought before us the new study books, "Women Workers of the Orient" and "Jack and Janet in the Philippines." The Corresponding Secretary's report (which will be found on another page) was given by Mrs. Motley, and was a mine of information for our Circles, and well worth our study.

With appropriations amounting to \$700.00 increase over last year, it is not surprising that the Treasurer's report called for the singing the Doxology. Total receipts for the year amounted to \$4,715.58, the largest in our history. The absence of