

# REPORT OF THE Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention OF THE W.B.F.M.S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

**T**HE 28th Annual Convention of the W. B. F. M. S. of East Ontario and Quebec was held this year in Westmount Baptist church, in conjunction with the Home Society as usual. Foreign day opened the Convention on the 4th, and the President, Mrs. Claxton, once more held the position she has so often filled.

The prayer services led by Miss Rue Parker, of Coaticook, in the morning and by Mrs. J. R. Dick, of Montreal, in the afternoon, proved very helpful.

Regret was felt that Mrs. F. S. Weston, who was to have delivered the address of welcome, was unable to do so, but, Mrs. N. Ohman filled the place with a warm heartiness that received a corresponding reply from Mrs. George Black, of Thurso.

The President in her address spoke of the founding of the Society and the fulfilling of its initial promise. This early work was again referred to, several hours later in the afternoon session, when a pleasant surprise was given to the President. This had been arranged by the ladies of the Board, and came as a beautifully illuminated address and bouquet of twenty-five roses, one for every year of service as President, which Mrs. Claxton in her loving enthusiasm has given to the work since its inception.

Miss Edith Bentley's paper on the "LINK" and Mrs. P. A. McEwen's on "Christian Stewardship" were both much appreciated.

The rather meagre reports which the directresses regretted to present, are to be accounted for by those circles that failed to supply the information.

There were very good addresses from Mrs. Hyslop, of Asbestos Mines, on "Intemperance in India," the immense obstacle to missionary labours which is of comparatively recent date, and from Miss Helen E. Dunhill, of India, on "Zenana work and the Little Green God."

Miss Dunhill is an Eurasian and her heart is in love with the work for those she calls "her own." Dr. Chute's address in the evening's meeting brought her hearers closely in touch with the daily life and work in the Akidu Girls' Boarding School. Things as they are, the needs, the encouragements, the realities, and the ideals were clearly and earnestly told so that the whole plan of work was more definitely borne home to our hearts and minds.

Though the Convention was smaller than had been expected, only sixty-three delegates responding to roll call, there was no lack of enthusiasm and geniality throughout.

The officers returned for the year 1904-5 are as follows:—President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Gilmour; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Gordon; Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Rickert; Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Ayer; Recording-Secretary, Miss E. M. Crossley.

Members of the Executive:—Mesdames, Therrien, Tester, McKergow, Utting, Bentley, Cole, Ohman, Halkett, Frankish, Picard, McLaren, Radford, Webb, Griffith, Sims, Loudon, Scott and Frost, and the Misses Barker, Cramp, Russell, Clark, Allen and Tester.

The Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. Radford, convenor, with the officers and directresses, brought in the following report, which was adopted as the list of appropriations for the year 1904-05:

Miss Murray's salary, \$500; Yellamanchili and Narrapatnam Bible women and work among children, \$166; Yellamanchili caste girls school, \$50; Akidu girls' boarding school, \$200; Vuyyuru girls' boarding school, \$200; Miss McLaurin's work among women and children, \$155; Vuyyuru caste girls' school, \$40; Cocanda Zenana work, \$250; Samalkota \$150. Total \$1,710.