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Baptist Home Missionary Society of Ontario.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

MINUTES.

JARVIS STREET, TORONTO, Oct. 13, 1887.

The 36th Annual Meeting of the Western Convention of Ontario was opened in Jarvis St. Church, Toronto, on Oct. 13th.

Mr. D. E. Thomson, President of H. M. Society, chairman of meeting, and D. A. McGregor, Secretary.

The session opened with a prayer meeting from 9.30 to 10.30. The chairman then delivered the opening address on "Our Mission," which was a clear and deeply interesting survey of all the departments of our work.

The Committee on Enrollment was then called to do its work, after which Dr. Castle presented the report of the Committee on Programme. The report was adopted, and the committee retained for the rest of the session. The matter of the appointment of a Committee on Programme for next year was left in the hands of the several societies.

Moved that a Committee on Obituaries be named by the chairman. Rev. J. McLaurin, Dr. Rand, and Rev. A. P. McDiarmid were appointed.

Two questions regarding church representation were raised (1) Are the officers of societies *ex-officio* members of Convention? The chairman ruled that by constitution they could not be. (2) Is the Year Book the true basis of representation? The chairman ruled that actual membership however found must guide the Committee on Enrollment.

Reception of visiting brethren, Revs. A. A. Cameron, J. H. Best, P. A. McEwen, T. Luckens, Mr. D. Bentley and others reported themselves.

Committee on Resolutions appointed by chairman, Dr. Newman, Revs. S. S. Bates, and T. S. Johnston.

A hymn was sung and the meeting closed at 12 o'clock with prayer by Rev. J. Alexander.