

The Eastern Society

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BOARD MEETING

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on Friday, Sept. 9th.

The President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, was in the chair and there were seventeen members present.

The usual routine of business occupied much of the attention of those present. Reports were presented, that of the Treasurer being heard with much interest and some anxiety. It was realized by all that the office of Treasurer is no sinecure. If only the constituency realized how heavy is the burden falling upon the Treasurer and officers of the Board during these September days! At the present the Treasurer needs \$3213 to be gathered in before the books close on Sept. 25th. This great need was brought to the Throne of Grace in earnest supplication.

Mrs. C. G. James, reporting for the White Cross supply department, stated that seven boxes weighing 2240 lbs. had been forwarded to India. Miss E. Bentley presented the highly satisfactory report of the finances of the department.

The Programme Committee for the approaching Convention reported and it was a source of joy to know what a splendid array of missionaries would be present, namely Miss Murray and Miss Priest, who went out together in 1893, and Miss Susie Hinman, who will address the Young Women. The Convention will bid farewell to Miss Murray and Miss Priest who are sailing from Quebec on the Montclair on Oct. 19th. Letters were read from both these sisters expressing their deep satisfaction in returning to the land of their love and adoption.

An announcement was made of the Fall Rally of the Y.W. Circles of Montreal to be held in the First Baptist Church on Sept. 27. Miss Winnifred Eaton will be the speaker. It had been hoped that Miss Alice Clarke, of Bolivia, might have been present also and might have been able to visit some of the Circles but her engagements have been such that no definite arrangements have been pos-

sible at this time.

Mrs. Ayer read a letter from Miss Hinman in which she expressed her intense desire to take a course of Bible training in Dr. White's Biblical Seminary in New York. This request was granted and our prayers will follow our sister that she may receive the training and stimulus she desires.

Most interesting letters were received from Mr. Gordon and Miss Lockhart from Vuyuru. Miss Lockhart says: "The new wings of the Claxton Memorial are nearly done and the new boarding school is going on fast. Surely your jubilee makes us jubilant all the time. Dr. Hulet was writing to Miss Marsh when I rushed in to tell her of your good letter about the well. We both had a real rejoicing over the generous gift of Mrs. Shaw, of Quebec. When I tell you that cholera is very virulent and that many have died in Vuyuru and other near-by villages you will see that a water supply is most necessary. Of course the well on Mr. Gordon's compound has seemed inexhaustible but it has not been a good thing to have all kinds of pots go into it, especially from the hospital patients. The new hospital has a well. I do not know but think all are using the same well. Our caste people used to make a fuss. If there is a fuss now the poor people will be able to come to our well."

Mr. Gordon says: "The place is unrecognizable though the buildings are not yet quite complete. We have added more than three times the accommodation besides having a sick room, a new rice-pounding room and fine cook room, a bath room and space enough left for a badminton court! The girls are in great jubilation over the Golden Jubilee building. When the last section is completed they will be well provided for. It took three long years to get the land but just about the time the money came we were making out the deeds of these new pieces of land. How all things work together for good to those who love God."

It was moved that the Cor. Sec., Mrs. Motley, convey to Mrs. Craig the very deep sympathy of the Board with her in the loss of her husband, Mr. Craig, remembering his life-