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CONVENTION NOTES.

A very large gathering of delegates, good weather, abounding hospitality both in the homes and in the church, many arrangements for comfort and convenience, — post-office, telephone, checking-room—all these combined to make the Convention of 1911 a most successful and interesting gathering. The presence of the Laymen's Missionary Convention in the same city at the same time, so far from detracting from our meetings, rather increased their interest. The missionary spirit was everywhere, and many of the Baptist "laymen" came in to our meetings for a visit. One person to whom the Convention was especially grateful, was the pianist, who at great inconvenience to herself, was present throughout the whole two days' meetings, and did a large part in making the service of song delightful.

The need of missionary education for the boys and girls was emphasized many times in addresses on Home Day by Mrs. Zavitz and Miss Dayfoot, and in many of the directresses' reports. One Boy's Band, — a rare and very much desired organization — has been formed in the Middlesex and Lambton Association. Many methods of securing interest and funds were mentioned. Baby Bands are being organized here and there, which correspond to the Sunday School Cradle Roll. In other places, honorary members, who, it is to be feared, are sometimes remembered chiefly on "pay day," are popular. One girls' Band made and sold one hundred dust-caps. But after all, the great aim of the Bands is not to see how much money we can secure, but to train "how to give, and why, when and where."

Last year the directresses were urged to visit their Circles as much as possible, and to attempt organization wherever possible. Evidently much real effort has been put forth. The directress of the Middlesex and Lambton, visited eighteen out of twenty-five Circles under her charge.

But the difficulties of such work are great. Another directress reported driving eighty-eight miles to visit three Circles. The Northern Association acknowledged very gratefully the help given by Mrs. Lillie of the Home Society, in organizing two Circles and a Band right in the heart of our Home Mission territory.

Again came up the question of what to do with that woman, who "won't give to missions while there is that church debt." The president of the Foreign Society said what is doubtless very true, that that woman probably gives very little more to the church debt than to missions. Her only solution is suggested by the old adage, "Knowledge is power." Teach the objector, make the need very real, and the contribution will come. Interest and giving go hand in hand.

Mrs. Davis, of the Norfolk Association, was much missed. She has been directress for eleven years, and is now laid aside by illness. There were many kindly thoughts of her. Mrs. Pearce, of Waterford, a daughter of Dr. Murdock, has taken over her work.

Our outlook was not confined to our own work entirely. The President of the Foreign Society gave a much-appreciated glimpse of the Baptist World Alliance and of the Maritime Convention, — her attention being particularly called to the interest in, and enthusiasm of the latter for their paper. May the same spirit spread and increase!

Miss Pound, of Burmah, was a welcome visitor, — and yet, hardly a visitor, for she was a delegate from the Malahide and Bayham Circle.

The Western Association has done a gracious thing in making Miss Ritchie, their directress, a life member of the Foreign Society, in appreciation of her untiring and successful work. Equally fitting was the action of the Home Board in making their retiring recording secretary, Miss Fox, a life member of the Home Society.