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## A Happy Christmas To All Our Readers

### STILL THERE IS BETHLEHEM

By Nancy Byrd Turner

All love and mystery in one little face,  
All light and beauty in a single star  
That rose among the shadows, pure and far,  
Above an humble place;  
All Heaven in song upon a lonely hill,  
Earth listening, fain and still.

The long years go; the old stars rise and set,  
Dreams perish, and we falter in the night.  
But still there's Bethlehem—could heart forget

That loveliness, that light?  
Shadows there are, but who shall fail for them?

Still there is Bethlehem!

—Sel.

### SOME THINGS I REMEMBER AS I THINK OF THE ST. THOMAS CONVENTION

First of all, the kind welcome of the St. Thomas Centre Street Baptist Church. Everything ran smoothly from beginning to end. Only those who have entertained a convention in their church can understand the labour and loving service that this calls for. The scriptural injunction to hospitality was literally fulfilled during the four strenuous days of our meetings. We know that every delegate and visitor has a very warm place in her heart for the Centre Street Baptist Church, St. Thomas.

In the Secretary's report we noticed a regret expressed that it was not possible for more outside members and directors to come to the Board meetings. Would it be at all a reasonable thing for all outside members and directors to think about the possibility of being in Toronto at least occasionally on Board day, the third Friday of each month? The attend-

ance at these meetings would mean much in the way of inspiration and real help in the progress of all our work.

The Missionary Homes Committee reports that last year a gratifying number of Circles outside of Toronto sent in contributions for the upkeep of our homes on Ellsworth Avenue and in Muskoka. The object of these funds is to make our missionaries home on furlough more comfortable. All we ask is a collection once a year from each Circle.

The Foreign Mission boxes ladies, Mrs. Denegate and Mrs. McLean, wish everyone to watch "The Link" for instructions about WHAT to send, and WHEN to send the parcels, and please obey.

The Publication Committee reminded us that November 1926 is the beginning of our Jubilee year and they would like to celebrate by announcing 10,000 subscribers for The Link paid in advance. The Link paid \$400 to the Treasurer for a new Missionary's passage to Bolivia. Every subscriber gained is something for missions.

The papers on Stewardship introduced by Mrs. Inrig and given by Mrs. Kingdon and Mrs. Arthur White were very inspiring. They must be heard in full to be appreciated.

Beautiful memorials to the loving service of three members of our Foreign Board who have gone from us: Miss Rogers, Mrs. Urquhart and Miss Dayfoot, brought us all the desire to make our lives count as theirs had done for all that is highest and Godward.

We will ask our Editor to publish in full Miss Dale's paper on Programme Building and Programme material in the January Link. You will get help from it.

Our President's message, dictated from a bed of illness, came to especially sympathetic hearts. She suggested as verses which we might take for the coming year "Wherefore