

# BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST.

## HELD IN HAMILTON, NOVEMBER 12-13, 1902.

### FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

(Abstract of Report by Miss Jacqueline Norton, B.A.)

**T**HE Convention for 1902 has come and gone. Almost 300 delegates came from churches large and small to see and learn and gain fresh inspiration for the new year's work. Nor was their coming in vain, for the Lord Himself was with them.

The James Street Baptist Church was the place of meeting, and this Mission Circle with all the other Circles of the city, united in doing all they could to make the delegates comfortable and the Convention a success.

The meetings began at 9.30 a.m., Wednesday, with Mrs. T. M. Harris, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Society, presiding. Thanksgiving and praise seemed to be the dominant note through every address, prayer, Bible-reading and hymn during all the sessions, the first note of which was struck in the opening hymn:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Gratefully adoring, our song shall rise to Thee."

Mrs. Booker, the beloved President of the Society, read from Revelation a description of the glorious consummation of our efforts. Mrs. S. J. Farmer led in prayer for God's promised presence in the meetings.

The annual reports were next presented, most of which appear in this number.

The Editor of the LINK, Mrs. Porter, reported the total number of subscribers to be 4,631, an increase over last year of 377. The anxieties of the editor would be lightened if those now in arrears would forward their subscriptions promptly, especially in a year of large extra outlay.

The financial statement gave the receipts as \$881.63, and the expenditure as \$868.48, leaving a balance on hand of \$13.15.

Mrs. Dancy, of the Bureau of Literature, reported having sold during the year 1,317 leaflets, 38 books, 50 Prayer Cycles and 12 Baby Band Certificates. The receipts were \$53.82; the expenditures \$30.92, leaving a balance of \$9.31.

In place of the usual reports from the Directors, Mrs. Lloyd conducted a Conference of Directors, where many took part in asking and answering questions regarding our Mission work.

The first address of the Convention, a very in-

teresting and instructive one, was given by Dr. Smith, of Yellamanchilli, India, on "Medical Missions." We regret that lack of space forbids our giving the full report of this and other addresses.

A prayer service conducted by Mrs. Holman followed this address, with earnest petitions for our missionaries and for the recent converts.

The afternoon session, opening at 2.15, was pervaded even more than the morning, with thanksgiving and praise for the wonderful way the Lord had blessed His work, and with testimonies of the reality and preciousness of His presence to His people. After singing, and prayer by Mrs. Budd, of Owen Sound, the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Booker; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Freeland; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. M. Harris. Members of Board:—Mrs. W. J. MacKay, Mrs. S. Dadson, Mrs. P. C. Parker, Miss Brodhead.

The address of Mrs. Harris, the presiding officer, on "Remember—Forget," will be long remembered by those present.

After Miss Buchan's able and comprehensive report of the work on our foreign fields, Miss Murray, of Cocanada, was the next speaker. She brought the greetings of the Women's Societies from Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and then talked to us of the spiritual aspect of the missionaries' lives and their secret of strength.

Mrs. Hill, of Guelph, followed with a Bible reading, right along the line of Miss Murray's address, emphasizing the importance of the rightness of the inner life.

At the evening session Rev. Mr. Hoyt, of Hamilton, read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, and the Rev. Mr. Bennett led in prayer. Miss Katie McLaurin, of India, gave a graphic description of the actual work of the lady missionary, and the gradual displacing in the heathen mind of a religion of fear by one of love.

Mrs. Stott, of the China Inland Mission, for thirty years missionary in China, followed Miss McLaurin, and she could say with our missionary, that heathen lands had never been a desert place, and that sacrifice had meant blessing. A hymn, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Bracken, brought the Foreign Mission Day of the Women's Convention to a close.