

## Women's Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario (West).

### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION DAY, THURSDAY, NOV. 11th, OF THE 39th ANNUAL CONVENTION.

We have often wondered what a Board meeting was like. To many of us it was a sanctorum sanctorum. Well, the first thing on the programme of the 39th Annual Convention was a typical Board Meeting. The president, members of the Board, officers, directors and missionaries were all on the platform, and the president invited the audience to imagine they were members also. The meeting was opened with George Keith's beautiful hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," which was so fitting in these trying times. Our president read for the Scripture lesson the 46th Psalm, after which two members of the Board led us tenderly before the Throne for guidance, wisdom, strength and power.

The recording secretary and Foreign secretary gave excellent reports of the year's work.

The treasurer gave a brief summary of the financial report, which brought out some lively discussions. We learned from the discussions that it will take \$600 more to complete the Tunni bungalow; that Miss Baskerville's school is the next building needed; that money left over from the regular work is placed to the Building Fund account; that any balance left in India is used for the "sick fund;" that on \$3,000 from Canada \$100 is made on exchange in India, so that every \$3,000 in Canada is worth \$3,100 in India; that our General Treasurer, Rev. H. E. Stillwell secures the best possible rate of exchange for us, and that he is the best business man in Canada; that it is better for Circles, Bands and individuals

that wish to support Biblewomen to designate the money to the field, not to the women, as sometimes these women have to be changed or one dies and another has to fill her place.

The LINK'S report tells us there are 6,500 subscriptions, and it has had the smallest subscription increase in five years. It is thought best to postpone uniting the LINK and "Visitor" at present owing to war conditions.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd, told us the Convention "Watchword" for 1916 is to be, "Go Forward in His Name;" that the missionaries have enjoyed the Muskoka Rest Home (a boat or canoe is badly needed for it); that the directors are not to blame for the late reports; that it is the fault of the secretaries of the Circles and Bands—one late secretary's report clogs all the Board's machinery. The secretaries of Circles and Bands must have their reports mailed to their directors before October 15th.

Paste in the back of your treasurer's book the names and addresses of the Home and Foreign treasurers you are to send your money to in Toronto, and then see that your money is all collected and sent to them by October 15th each year, or you will not receive credit for it in the year's report. Have as your aim this year a Circle in every church, and every woman in the church a member. In her report of the Associations it seemed to us like the constellations in the heavens—some seemed to stand out so vividly with their first magnitude Circle stars, and others ranged down to the fourth and fifth magnitude, but each sending forth its little light in the constellation God had placed it in to do its work. Missionaries' visits, printed programmes