

WOMEN'S MEETING OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA BAPTIST CONVENTION HELD AT NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

THE Women's meeting of the British Columbia Baptist Convention was held on the afternoon of July 11th. We were privileged to have with us Rev. H. F. Laflamme, who led the devotional exercises, giving a helpful and spiritual address on "The Gift of the Holy Ghost."

After a few introductory remarks, the President, Mrs. Postill, called for the different reports. The Secretary's report showed on the whole increasing interest in all our Circles, two new ones — Fairview, Vancouver, and Kelowna, being organized during the past year. The Treasurer's report showed a total of \$1,241. \$491 for Foreign Missions, and \$750 for Home Missions; an increase of \$300, over last year. The Superintendent of Literature, Mrs. F. W. Anvache, reported having distributed 3,000 leaflets on missions and giving, besides 500 copies of the *Bulletin* every quarter. This is a most important part of our work as spreading information and thus creating an interest in missions is even more important than raising money. Mrs. Anvache's earnest and faithful aid in this department is greatly appreciated.

A very thoughtful and practical paper on "Systematic Education in Missions," by Miss E. Raleigh, was followed by very helpful discussion.

Mrs. MacKechnie, of Vancouver, read the following letter from Mrs. A. A. McLeod, our loved missionary in India:

"Dear Sisters, assembled in Convention—Greeting:—'May God and our Father bless you and give you peace, and may you be filled with a knowledge of His will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and as you plan the coming year's work, may his Spirit guide you in every detail, and strengthen you to carry out that which you plan! And while you plan and pray for the home side of the work, forget not the far-off ones, those who stand in the fore-front of the battle, in a land that is not theirs, among a people not their own, and fighting through the medium of a foreign tongue. We, too, have our plans for the coming year. During April, May and June, touring among the villages is out of the question, owing to the terrible heat, but the Southwest Monsoon rains in June cool

the air and the earth and make touring again possible. We plan to preach the Gospel to every one of the 200 villages on the Peddapuram field, and to make the message of salvation plain to every one of the 240,000 people in those villages. We are only a small company, pitifully small, few, and weak, to undertake such a tremendous task, but our faith is strong, and He who is with us, is more than they who are against us, and He never fails. He always triumphs gloriously. You will pray for us, will you not? For us, and for the 27 native workers, that the Lord will fill us with His Spirit, and use us to bring about the coming of His kingdom here. And you will pray also for the 360 Christians? Last November, Mr. McLeod baptized two brothers in a village where there had not before been any Christians. In February he visited that village again, and found that the two brothers had so witnessed for the Master, that their father, mother, younger brother, and wife of the elder of the two baptized in November, were all ready for baptism, and now we hear there are others in that village waiting for the rains and water enough to be baptized.

"That is the way we like to see the work grow, and we ask you to be unceasing in your prayers for the native Christians, that every man and woman among them may be used by the Master to bring others of their people into the light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ.

"I remain,

"Your sister in service,

"FANNY S. MCLEOD.

Peddapuram, India, May 29th, 1906."

After the reading of this letter the meeting closed with prayer led by Rev. E. Leroy Dakin.

The officers of the Women's Board for the following year are:—Pres., Mrs. E. A. Postill, New Westminster; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Spoford, Victoria; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. B. Warren, Vancouver; Rec. Sec., Mrs. L. N. MacKechnie, Vancouver; Treas., Miss B. Gross, Vancouver; Supt., of Literature, Mrs. F. W. Anvache, Grand Forks.

THE DR. KELLOCK HOME, RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Report for 1905.

Miss Hatch's Sixth Annual Report opens with its usual note of praise. The gift of £400 for new buildings is now in her hands, a good site has been secured, material is being