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Editorial.

OUR Convention is now an event of past history and will be recorded the most interesting since our organization, as it was our "Silver Anniversary." We rejoiced with the H. M. B. that they were enabled to close the year with a clean sheet, and our hearts were filled with gratitude to God when it was announced at the close of our F. M. day, that the small deficit which we deplored in the morning, had been generously removed and that both departments of our work were in the same happy condition. The interest in our meetings was increased by the presence of Mrs. Castle, whose heart is still with us in the work; also Mrs. Manning, Pres. of the W. B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces. If our impressions were mutual our appreciation and interest in each other will be much increased and the bond grow much stronger between the Provinces. We ask ourselves the question, will there be permanent results from our Convention? Will it tell in the coming months by increased membership in our Circle, consequently increase in our finances? We believe it will, and expect next year to show an advance in our regular income; which is what is to be depended on for carrying on our work. If each woman in our churches would ask herself the question, "How much owest thou?" there would be no lack in our treasury.

MR. STILLWELL'S appeal in the *Baptist*, Nov. 7th, must have touched the hearts of all who read it. As an auxiliary of the general Society the W. F. M. B. deeply sympathize with them in the situation and desire by our prayers and efforts to avert such a calamity befalling our mission work.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE LINK will kindly remember that Mrs. Newman has removed to Texas. Remittance by postal order should be made out to L. L. Porter.

We unite with the editor of the *Visitor* in wishing that its circulation should increase to 6000 and

would desire the same for the LINK. Knowledge of our work increaseth interest and is the means of more being accomplished for the extension of Christ's kingdom on the earth.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF THE W. B. F. M. SOCIETY, HELD IN JARVIS STREET CHURCH, TORONTO, ON THE 14th NOVEMBER, 1901

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session of the W. F. M. S opened at 9.30 a.m., Mrs. T. M. Harris, 2nd Vice-President, in the chair. The hymn "Oh God our help in ages past," was sung, after which the scripture lesson was read by Miss Rogers, and Mrs. Freeland led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and tokens of fruitfulness during the twenty-five years He has permitted us, as a Society, to work for Him.

Mrs. C. T. Stark was appointed Secretary for the day. The first item of business was the appointment of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. Dryden, Brooklin; Mrs. Johnson, London; Mrs. H. Lloyd, Toronto, and the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Buchan, this committee to meet during the noon hour and report at the afternoon session.

Mrs. Harris called on the President, Mrs. Booker, for her address, expressing the pleasure of all, that she was permitted to be here this Convention. Mrs. Booker called attention to the peculiar cause of thankfulness that filled every heart, that the Society had completed twenty-five years of work and recalled the fact that on the 24th of October, 1876, in this church, the Society first came into existence. She briefly reviewed the work, and paid a tribute to the noble band of missionaries who had served so faithfully, and said that our own lives had been broadened and strengthened by trying to help the lives of those in heathen lands. The ideal aimed at in the beginning—that of getting every woman in our churches to give two cents a week—had not yet been attained, but the outlook for the future was bright. The various reports of the Society followed. Miss Moyle, the Recording Secretary, reported six regular meetings held during the year, also four executive meetings and one special. 25 Life-memberships had been added, making a total of 243. Reference was made to the fact that Miss Iler had been obliged to resign her position as our missionary on account of ill health,