

Work at Home.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION AT PERTH.

To the Link—That Should Bind us All.

GREETINGS.

We have been to our 24th Annual Convention of the Foreign Mission Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. This year we were greatly blessed by being permitted to meet in a convenient, handsome Church, erected where once stood the first Baptist Church of Perth, and where our Dr. Fyfe had his first pastorate. Miss Green, of Montreal, unfortunately could not be present, and so Miss Muir, of Montreal, was appointed to take her place. This she did with such tact and spirit that a very genial spirit pervaded the entire assembly.

The Officers chosen for next year are: President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, Montreal; 1st Vice President, Miss Green, Montreal; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Sheldon, Montreal; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hibbert Ayer, Montreal; Rec. Sec., Miss Tester, Montreal; Supt. of Bands, Miss Muir, Montreal.

Mrs. Hibbert Ayer has a helpful talent. She can write charming letters. You will enjoy her report. Then Mrs. F. B. Smith is a terror to evil doers. She hates debts and keeps us all straight. Study both these interesting papers for they are handled by women "o'pairs" to use a Barrieism.

We were sorry to lose Miss Green, she has been so faithful in the Executive Meetings, but she expressed a strong desire to see the well loved president of so many years, back in office. Mrs. Claxton has not been able to preside of late, but now she is again where her son who is gone from this world to that always wished her to be. On his death-bed he said, "Mother, never give up the Foreign Mission work." Those who were at the Carleton Place Convention will remember how tenderly she told us this, when she first thought of retiring for good reasons.

I want to make my talk very short so that there may be ample room for the reports of Secretary, Treasurer and Mission Band Superintendent.

We were so glad to have dear Miss Baskerville with us. We ought to be very good to these women who are brave enough to be our representatives in India. Just here I can give you a secret to make

some of our very own happy in that far off land—Haven't you a good, bright new story, or a charming magazine that you have read and enjoyed. Send it by post to a missionary's wife or to some of our young ladies out there. Even a fashion magazine is dear to the genuine woman, and I am sure a missionary loves to look at pretty patterns even if she does not have a new dress to make up.

Worldly Salama! you cry. Not a bit of it. God made us so, so be honest. Miss Trotter, of Toronto, brought an inspiration for our Bands. I have just been telling my girls about her plan of a missionary map, and you will see how the geography of our mission fields will grow if Miss Trotter's wise suggestion is scattered through our midst.

Then Miss Muir had another plan of a missionary play that set us all agog, to try the old-fashioned game under new colours. I hope she will write up her suggestion, and Miss Trotter as well, so that the children can play it properly—"for all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Miss Tester, of Montreal, was not with us unfortunately, thus we had a stolen blessing for the day, Mrs. Hays, of Ottawa. She kept time of the proceedings and I expect has the Board members in correct shape, so I will ask to have the list sent on to be added to this.

We had also a "new departure" which resulted in a new department to our organization. "The Post Office Crusade for Foreign Missions." Our Superintendent is not elected, but when she is I will ask her to write and explain a thought for evangelization by cold type and foreign postage stamps.

Now for the reports and remember as you read them, that they were presented to one of the most helpful, spiritual and genial Conventions on record. It will be a long day before we forget the unflinching kindness of Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Kellock, Mrs. McLaren and the host of kind, courteous women of beautiful Perth.

Miss Minnie Washburn, of Smith's Falls, sang very beautifully "Jesus Lover of My Soul" at the public meeting.

We have three Life Members, Mrs. Utting, of Montreal; Mrs. Burgess, of Brockville; Mrs. Vaux, of Hamilton.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the days of prayer set apart for missions. The first Thursday in November and first Thursday in April be observed during the coming year as much blessing has been derived for their observance.

Resolved, that the women present in convention convey to Mrs. Claxton and family their appreciation of the loss the denomination has suffered in the death of Mr. Claxton who was such a friend of missions, and assure them of their sympathy.