

Brother Timpany in his report referred to the fact that the great want of India was "an earnest, devoted, divinely-called native ministry," and urged the necessity of a school for the training of such. To-day we have the satisfaction of reporting *premises secured*, and all necessary arrangements made for the prosecution of this work as soon as Brother McLaurin returns to India. What possibilities are before us! Under God's blessing, what magnitude this work may assume during the next fifty years! Oh! for more faith in the promises of God, and more entire consecration to His service.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES COUTTS, *Secretary*.

## Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Woodstock, October 27th; a large attendance of delegates and visiting ladies present.

FORENOON SESSION.—Meeting organized at 11 a.m.; President, Mrs. Freeland, Toronto, in the chair. Mrs. J. C. Yule was requested to take the minutes. The exercises were opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer, followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. Ashley, of Woodstock, the President's address, and a solo by Miss Hatch, Woodstock.

A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. Arnold, Paris; Mrs. McLaurin, Woodstock; Miss McDiarmid, London; and Misses Buchan, Latch, and Dexter, Toronto, was appointed.

Reports, written or verbal, from Circles that had not previously reported to the Corresponding Secretary, were then given; and followed by three excellent and suggestive papers by the following ladies:—Miss Rowles, Sarnia, on the "Organization of Mission Circles"; Mrs. Rose, Toronto, on "How to make the Circle meetings interesting and profitable"; and Mrs. Dadson, Paris, on "The best methods of conducting Mission Bands".

Mrs. Humphrey, Toronto, then read a farewell address, accompanied by the presentation of a beautiful album quilt—gift of the ladies of the For. Miss. Circle of College St. Church, Toronto—to Mrs. McLaurin, who offered a brief and appropriate reply. A motion to send greeting to the Women's For. Miss. Soc. of the Eastern Convention, then in session at Montreal, was carried unanimously. A motion requesting Mrs. Freeland to publish her opening address, was also adopted. After singing a hymn, the meeting adjourned for dinner, kindly furnished by the ladies of Woodstock, in the basement of the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 p.m.—Opened with singing and prayer, followed by the reading of reports:—1st, of the recording secretary, Miss E. Dexter, Toronto; 2nd, of the treasurer, Miss J. Lloyd, Toronto; and 3rd, of Mrs. Humphrey, Toronto, Corresponding Secretary. An interesting feature connected with the reading of Mrs. H.'s report, was the calling forward of a representative of the Juvenile Mission Band, of the First Baptist Church, Brantford, who read a very pleasing report, which clearly shows what great things may in time be expected from these organizations.

At a later stage in Mrs. H.'s report, she called forward another young lady, who read several interesting letters from our foreign missionaries now on the field.

The nominating committee made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

*Officers of the Board:*—Mrs. Freeland, *Pres.*; Mrs. Castle, *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Rose, and *Vice-Pres.*; Mrs. Humphrey, *Cor. Sec.*; Miss E. Dexter, *Recording Sec.*; Miss Lloyd, *Treas.*

*Board:*—Messdames Evans, Lane, T. D. Craig, Dyke, Laird, Wells, and Miss E. Buchan, Toronto; Mrs. W. Craig, Port Hope; Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Thompson, Guelph; Mrs. Dryden, Brooklyn; Miss Kandall, Paris; Mrs. R. Carfrae, London; Mrs. Ashley, Woodstock; Mrs. Yule, Ingersoll; Mrs. Shenston, Brantford; Mrs. Porter, St. Catharines; Mrs. John Evans, Hamilton.

Miss Dexter favored the meeting with a solo, and Miss Ida Fitch with a paper, entitled, "Why we Work."

An address by Mrs. Armstrong was listened to with deep interest; after which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of Woodstock church and congregation, for the hospitality they had extended to the delegates and visitors, and for the excellent entertainment so generously provided during the day. Mrs. Ashley was requested to allow her address of welcome to be published in the *Canadian Baptist*. The thanks of the meeting were also tendered to Mrs. Freeland, for the manner in which she had presided over, and conducted the meeting, and also for her management of the LINK. Exercises closed with singing. Meeting adjourned.

A telegram of Christian greeting from the Montreal ladies was received just after the meeting closed, and read at the public evening meeting.

P. S. V. YULE.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

(Published by request.)

DEAR FRIENDS—SISTERS IN CHRIST JESUS,—You all, I am sure, join with me in heartfelt thanks for the cordial welcome we have just received from the President of the Woodstock Circle, to this classic town.

It is indeed a blessed privilege to meet as a society at the close of another year of work for Jesus. While we review with thankfulness the way in which the Lord has led us, and relate what we have accomplished for Him, at the same time we must acknowledge with deep humiliation that we have been unprofitable servants. How much more might we not have had to show, had each one of us but done *all she could*. God has been long-suffering and gracious unto us, and has owned and blessed the little we have done. May our zeal and devotion be quickened by this day's conference, and may the Holy Spirit work in us unto more entire consecration to the service of God, and stronger faith in His promises and ever-present power to help. In ourselves *utter weakness*, in His strength we can "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

The very great privilege and pleasure is afforded us of meeting to-day for the first time, with one whose name has become a household word to many of us, one whom we already know and love for her work's sake—Mrs. H. M. N. Armstrong, the foundress of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Maritime Provinces, one whom the Lord has honoured and owned in her late field of labour, Chicacole, India. In the name of all the Baptist women of Ontario, who work for missions, I thank her for this visit, and bid her welcome—thrice welcome.

To our own dearly beloved Mrs. McLaurin, we must say, Farewell. May the *Master*, whose call she obeys, bless and prosper her in the far off land to which with her husband she expects so soon to return.