

Thirty-Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West).

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The annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West, was held in the James St. Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, Nov. 9th. The President, Mrs. Firstbrook, Toronto, presided. After the devotional exercises, the annual reports were read. In seconding the Treasurers' report, Miss Ritchie, Arner, made kindly mention of our new Treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Campbell. She urged that the Circles this year make special effort to clear up the shortage caused by the decrease in giving this past year.

The report of the "Link" showed a balance on hand of \$472.66, and an increase in subscription of 412. Miss Norton spoke briefly of the increased size of the paper, and asked for a 25 per cent. increase in subscription this year. Mrs. C. W. Ross, Brantford, seconded this report, expressing appreciation of the "Link" and its Editor.

The predominating note of the report of the (Bands) Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Barber, was one of hopefulness.

An interesting feature of the morning session was the Conference conducted by Mrs. Firstbrook. Questions touching on various phases and problems of the work were dealt with.

The missionaries, Misses Hatch, Pound, Murray, Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Yule, were introduced to the audience, and responded by singing a Telugu hymn.

The election of officers and members of the Board resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Firstbrook; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. McLaurin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Ross. Members of the Board—Mrs. J. Hooper, Mrs. Chas. Stark, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Mrs. Wm. Craig, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. A.

E. Woodburne, Mrs. M. J. Mulock, Mrs. E. J. Zavitz, Mrs. W. E. Bowyer.

Kindly greetings were received from representatives of sister societies. In moving the adoption of the report of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. A. McLeod spoke of the medical part of our work as carried on by Drs. Allyn, Chute and Hulet. She made a most urgent appeal for qualified medical missionaries, not alone to take the place of Dr. Allyn and Dr. Chute, when they come home, but also to take up regular work at the various missions, for the medical work is one of the most effective means for opening closed doors to the missionary. Miss Murray seconded the report, emphasizing the educational side of the work. The light of the Gospel awakens in the native convert a yearning for knowledge. It is a recognized fact that our schools do much better work than the Government schools.

Mrs. T. Doolittle, Norwich, representing Lydiamma Garu, wife of Mr. David, the preacher and composer of hymns, and Miss Frain, Norwich, as Mrs. Joshee, wife of Dr. Joshee, the adopted son of Miss Hatch, gave in native costume a most interesting and instructive exhibition of the Leper Homes at Ramachandrapuram.

Resolutions of thanks to the entertaining Hamilton friends, of sympathy and interest in the work of the W.C.T.U., and of appreciation of the life and work of the late Mrs. W. H. Porter, were adopted.

At the evening session Miss Hatch gave an address on "Twenty-five years ago in Ramachandrapuram and Now." She spoke of the joy it gave her that the Convention should meet in Hamilton on the twenty-fifth anniversary of her work in India, as it had met there the