

Eastern Convention.

Reported by Mrs. J. B. Halkett, Ottawa.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, met on the 4th of October in the First Baptist Church, Ottawa. It was a great pleasure to have our honorary president, Mrs. T. J. Claxton, of Montreal, lead us in devotional exercises. Grace Matthews and Alberta Carson were introduced by the president, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, of Montreal, as our pages for the day. Mrs. Ayer in a few earnest words, expressed her delight at presiding over so many Christian women gathered for the purpose of extending Christ's Kingdom on the earth. The past year had been one in which the Board had needed great wisdom to solve perplexing problems. Our beloved missionary, Miss Anna Murray, was unable to return to India this fall. A new missionary, Miss Susie Hinman, of Cobourg, had been appointed to this work, and hoped to sail for India soon. No deficit was reported this year, for which she was very thankful. The Board had been represented at each of our Associations, and at larger gatherings for missions. Our motives in mission work should be three-fold, for our own sake, for the sake of others, and for Christ's sake. Prayer was a mighty force in our work. It would be well if we could set aside some moments of the noon-tide hour for definite prayer for the Board, our missionaries, and all the work given us to do. Jesus said: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day." We must follow His example in doing with our might what our hands find to do.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. Then Miss Crossley presented her last report as our recording secretary, as she is leaving Montreal. Mrs. Claxton, in a few well-chosen words, presented her with a certificate of life membership in the society, as a slight token of the Board's appreciation of her able service for so many years.

Mrs. Ramsay reported a very successful year's work by the Mission Bands under her care. Our Superintendent has spared no trouble to increase missionary interest among the young folks

of our Convention. Twenty-three Bands sent in \$601.91.

Miss Dakin from the Bureau of Literature, reported sales amounting to \$21.54. Forty-two copies of "Western Women in Eastern Lands," had been ordered, also several subscriptions taken for "Every Land," the popular quarterly magazine for the juniors.

Mrs. Copeland, of Brockville, read a letter from Miss Norton, editor of the Link, asking for an increased list of subscribers from the Eastern Convention, and telling of helpful changes about to be made in that paper, which we hope will be acted on by all our Circles sending new subscribers.

Seventy-one delegates from Circles and Bands responded to roll-call. The quiet hour, led by Mrs. Blundell, of Perth, was very helpful to all.

The election of officers came next, resulting as follows: "Mrs. H. H. Ayer, President; Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Vice-presidents; Mrs. Ohman, Treasurer; Mrs. Motley, Corresponding Secretary; Miss L. Rickert, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ramsay, Superintendent of Mission Bands.

At the afternoon session reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were received. These appear on another page of this paper. The following appropriations for next year were made:

Miss Murray's salary	\$275
Passage for two missionaries	454
Miss Hinman's salary and munshi	550
Akidu School	250
Vuyuru Boarding School and work	829
Yellamanchili	273
Cocanada	250
Samalkot	150
Bolivia	50

Mrs. Stobo, of Smith's Falls, gave a paper on Band work, illustrated by a picture of emigrants arriving in Canada, and the model of a Chinese family. Her useful and practical hints on the best time for meetings and helps for programmes, were thankfully received by those interested in work among the young. Dr. Jessie Allyn was a member of the Smith's Falls Band and is now a successful missionary in India.

Miss Hatch, who has spent twenty-five years in India, and half that time