

are in the whole Province seventeen churches. Seven of these are self-supporting. The total membership is 1499. Resident members, 1283. The Baptists here are mostly wage-earners. The contributions from the churches in the Province, for all purposes, the last year totalled \$26,740.61; amount per resident member, \$20.84. Do any of the churches in the East show better figures? Over our members hangs like a pall, a deficit for our Home Mission work of about two dollars per member.

**OUR NEEDS.**—Our Mission Board has opened missions along the line of the C.P.R. and a few of the mining centres. Some churches have been organized. Pastors and vigorous workers are needed for some of these. They are just a few dots on the map. The whole big Province lies before us—a wonderful Province it is, with its wealth of mineral and agricultural possibilities. The new railway, the G.T.P., will open up the north and centre of the Province—a large population is sure to follow. The climate in the north is not unlike the Maritime Provinces. British Columbia is not the North West, although we are North-West. Here, instead of rolling prairies we have hills and valleys, filled with fruit and flowers, fanned by the warm Pacific breezes. Hills, yes mountains, towering above the clouds, with mineral wealth galore. Among the hills there are thousands, many from Baptist homes in the East, who in their race for gold have forgotten God and without hope. There is neither Sabbath nor sanctuary for them, for what leisure they have, nothing but the saloon. Mother's and sisters in Eastern Canada down by the sea, we call upon you to unite with us in prayer and effort for the outpouring of God's Spirit on those we love till these hills and valleys shall echo with the voice of praise to our Redeemer.

F. L. K.

Victoria, October 9th, 1903.

**BOTHWELL.**—A very successful "At Home" was held by the ladies of the Baptist Mission Circle at the residence of Mrs. M. P. Campbell, on the afternoon of July 2. Nearly all the ladies of the church were present in response to the invitation sent out and after a short time spent in conversation, an interesting program, consisting of readings and recitations interspersed with singing was given. Then the ladies adjourned to the spacious lawn where a dainty lunch was served. An enjoyable time was spent by all present. After lunch Mrs. McManns favoured the company with choice selections of instrumental music. The committee has cause to be pleased as the efforts were crowned with success both from a social and financial point of view.

MRS. A. DANCY, Sec.

Sept. 22nd, 1903.

## EASTERN CONVENTION AT SMITH'S FALLS.

**A** full account of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, is impossible in our limited space. It could only be obtained by attending these meetings. It was, to begin with, one of the best in point of attendance yet held, and the enthusiasm of this was greatly enhanced by the presence of no less than five missionaries. Dr. Smith was there with his wife and two little ones; Mr. Priest and Mr. Walker too, from India; Mrs. Nicholls, who gave a most interesting talk on Central Africa and her work there, and Mr. Rogers fresh from experience in the home field. There was great regret that more time could not be given to hearing by word of mouth from these live workers, Mr. Walker's words being only an expression of his pleasure at being with the Convention. Dr. Smith and Mr. Priest gave two such full, grand talks on behalf of their work, it is impossible to convey in cold writing the earnestness and interest that held their hearers. The simple stories of some lives in India, their devotion and alas, the misery of such numbers in that great country, how can any one who has not seen and felt this, touch it with the hand of sympathy with which these co-workers of the Lord bring it to our hearts? Even without these talks the Convention could not have lacked in interest, for the many full and encouraging reports, the helpful and earnest prayer services, the useful and clever papers on the various subjects, that came with both days, would surely have been sufficient. People can only obtain all the wealth there is in this Convention mine by being there on hand. Such delightful weather, not to speak of the people too that welcomed the delegates, and the wet day of departure could not dampen the awakened ardour. Mr. A. C. Cameron was there with his views of the home work, and at the close of the first session he photographed the Convention on the open space between the pretty Smith's Falls church and parsonage. There is such a temptation to talk of everything, but this will have to come to a close. In view of the excellent state of this year's finances, the clause which accompanies the following appropriations will be quite comprehensible.