

ANNUAL CONVENTION

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 historical First Baptist Church of Woodstock on Wednesday, November 9th. The President, Mrs. J. Firstbrook, of Toronto, presided. After the devotional exercises, a welcome to Woodstock was given by Mayor Scott; also a welcome to the Baptist churches by Mrs. D. K. Clark. These addresses were responded to on behalf of the delegates by Mrs. Firstbrook.

During the morning session the annual reports were received and spoke well for the Society's activity. The Directors, who reported in person, and those whose reports were read by the Secretary, gave good accounts of the work of the Associations and reported in many cases advance and increased interest. The dominant note was one of thankfulness for the past year and hopefulness for the future.

The report of the "Link" showed a substantial increase of 494 of the 500 asked for last year.

One of the most interesting parts of the session was the sectional conferences: Directors, Young Women's Circles, Duties and Methods of Mission Circle Work, at which many helpful suggestions were given by the delegates.

We were very much privileged to have with us three of our missionaries — Miss Pratt, Miss Murray, and Miss Folsom. It was a great pleasure to the delegates to listen to the addresses and look into the faces of those who are laboring for

Christ in India. Miss Pratt spoke of Zenana work among the women of Canada. This was the first time Miss Pratt had had the opportunity to meet the women of our Convention. She contrasted the work of the pioneer, Miss Simpson, with what they are able to do now. Twenty years ago Miss Simpson would walk for a whole afternoon and no door would be opened to her. Now so many houses are open to the missionaries that it takes six months to go around, visiting every afternoon. Special requests for prayer were made by the Christian women of India for their husbands, who were still in darkness of heathendom.

Mrs. Ross, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address on "The Home Base of Missions." At the Congress in Edinburgh it was the consensus of opinion that Missions must be given the central place in church work. The nations of the East are awakening and demand enlightenment and freedom. Christianity alone can give them this. "Home Base of Missions" is that organization which supports and directs missionary work. One great need is consecrated, earnest prayer. Jesus said to have faith in God. Our faith is crippled, not because God's power is limited, but by lack of earnest prayer on our part. Mrs. Ross urged that children be educated in mission needs and recommended Mission Study Bands.

Miss Murray spoke of "Some Signs of Progress among our Tuluva Christians." She spoke of the dignity of the Indian church and of the revival when God