

Higgins opened the meeting by reading the Scripture; Mrs. McPhail leading in prayer. An appropriate hymn sung by three sweet singers of the Ottawa Church was followed by Mrs. McDiarmid's address of welcome to the visitors. The next in order was an address by the President, Mrs. Claxton, and reports from Mrs. Bently, (Secretary,) and Mrs. F. B. Smith, (Treasurer), the latter showing that \$1,153, has been raised during the year, with a balance on hand of nearly \$400. Mrs. Barlow, of the Ottawa Church, presented an interesting paper on 'Woman's Work.' She spoke encouragement to the feeblest effort, nothing done in Christ's name and for Christ's sake, was done in vain, etc. Mrs. McLaurin's letter, (read by Mrs. Blackadar,) with its true womanly ring and devoted missionary spirit was listened to with the deepest interest and attention, as was also Miss Frith's report. Sister Belle's poem was worthy its composer, and as it is shortly to appear in print can speak and plead for itself. As many as twelve country Circles were heard from, through their delegates, all were anxious to continue in the good work begun, and spoke hopefully of the future, several referring to the LINK as a wonderful help and stimulus. All present were impressed with the persistent, sacrificing work of these sisters in country places, who in spite of long distances, fire, even fifteen miles, keep their interest in missions alive, and sustain monthly meetings. A delightful feature of the meeting was the cordial greetings extended to us by sister societies in Ottawa, representatives from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches being present. A letter of condolence to Mrs. Currie, a resolution of sympathy with Miss Muir, and election of officers for the ensuing year, brought a most inspiring, encouraging, and delightful meeting to a close.

To any one who feels his or her interest in missions, home or foreign, gradually ebbing out, or who possesses none at all, I would recommend to go to the Convention, and feel assured that the return trip will find them full to overflowing.

In the evening one of the best foreign mission meetings it has been our privilege to attend was held. Speeches and papers were earnest, full of the gospel and well delivered. The audience was sympathetic, and the collection a good one. The meeting was opened by an address by the chairman, who urged the importance of foreign mission work and its claims to the support of the churches. Mrs. Whitham, of Montreal, then read an able and interesting paper on mission work, in which she reviewed the wonderful progress made in consequence of Christian efforts among unenlightened peoples. The paper was entitled "Light after Darkness." W. B. Boggs, a missionary, who has recently returned from India for a brief period of rest, then delivered a very interesting and forcible address. He urged the need for sustained interest in foreign missions and pointed out that missionary interest which is kept up by means of letters from India and sensational tales from the mission field, would at best be fitful and transient. What was wanted among the people was the spirit of missions and that was like an unquenchable fire.

Said one who has attended all the meetings of the Convention for years: "This is the best Convention we ever had." So say we all.—*Canadian Baptist and an Ottawa Daily.*

### Tenth Annual Report of the Executive Board of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

The year just closed has developed a steady growth of interest in the various Circles on behalf of our beloved Telugu mission.

There have been four new circles organized during the year—one in Buckingham, one in Kenmore, one in Maxville, and one in North Nation Mills, making in all 35 circles. These have continued to send generous contributions to our treasury, and from the number of letters received from them

by our secretary and read at the Board meetings, we are convinced that the interest of women's work for the women of India has a very warm place in the hearts of our sisters throughout this society.

Two life members have been elected during the year, making in all 41 life members of the Society.

The quarterly meetings of the Board have been held regularly, with one special meeting, and all have been well attended. Interesting letters and reports have been received from our missionaries, which have been read by many of the Circles. These have, in a great measure, stimulated us to renewed efforts in behalf of the salvation of the Telugus.

Miss Frith's work in the Zenanas during the past year has been very successful, and she has had the pleasure of pointing many of those heathen women to the Lord Jesus as their only Saviour.

Most satisfactory reports have reached us of the progress and conduct of the scholars, from the Akidu field, as well as from those students at Samulcotta who are supported by some of the circles. A very interesting letter from one of the students at Samulcotta has also been received.

The Board rejoices to know that another lady missionary is soon to join Miss Frith in her special work, namely, Miss Hatch, of Woodstock, Ontario, who is being sent out by the Ladies' Western Society.

The lending library continues to be appreciated by some of the Circles, all of the books being in circulation during the year.

Not long since we had to mourn the loss of our senior missionary, Bro. Timpany. We are now called to chronicle the death of another of our beloved missionaries, the Rev. G. F. Currie, of Tuni, who was called to his rest about the end of July last. He was a most faithful and devoted laborer; he spared not himself when he needed rest. When Bro. Timpany fell at his post, Bro. Currie hastened back to India to take up the work, and only thought of being spent in the service of the Lord Jesus.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

The appropriations made at the last annual meeting have all been paid in full, viz.:

Zenana work,	\$460 00
House,	100 00
Samulcotta College,	200 00
Akidu Scholars,	200 00
Tuni Scholars,	76 00
	\$1,036 00

At the request of Mrs. Castle, President of the Western Society, an extra effort was made to raise \$200, to assist in the erection of the new Zenana house. An appeal was made to our Circles, which was heartily responded to, and soon the required amount was raised, and sent on to the treasurer of the General Society.

The total receipts for the year have been \$1,153.05, and we close with a balance of \$397.09 on hand.

This year brings to a close a ten years' work. The following is a detailed statement of the yearly contributions for the ten years just closed:

1877	\$434 37
1878	611 30
1879	881 37
1880	604 14
1881	825 30
1882	858 45
1883	1018 91
1884	1138 22
1885	1069 30
1886	1153 05

It is satisfactory, in reviewing the past, to see the steady progress which our Society has made. Our field is necessarily restricted, but from 5 circles we have grown to 34, and