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The W. M. S. Convention

The Brockville District of the Most real Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society convened in the Methodist church, Athens, at 2 p.m. on March 11, with the District Organizer, Mrs T. S. Kendrick, in the chair, and a large audience of delegates and visitors thronging the church.

The devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs Wm Dixon, of Rockport, consisted of the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds," the Lord's Prayer in concert, and a Bible reading, the seventeenth chapter of St. John being the basis of her earnest remarks.

At the roll call, twenty-five reports of auxiliaries were received and three reports of Mission Bands. In the majority of these, progress had been made, one auxiliary doubling its membership during the year.

Mrs Cornell, in her own happy way, welcomed the ladies to our town, our homes, our church, to which Mrs Culbert of Crosby replied.

"The Round Table Conference on Auxiliary Work," was conducted under the following headings:—

1. "Ideal Country Auxiliaries" by Mrs W. J. Taber, in which she threw out many practical suggestions.

2. "Ideal Officers" by Mrs Moulton, specially emphasizing entire consecration and union with God.

3. "Watch Tower," very ably dealt with by Miss Earl, in which she certainly convinced us that the greatest possible benefit accrues from the study of the field and the knowledge gained benefits one's self, and that knowledge disseminated interests others and becomes the motive power in our work.

4. "Methods of work found successful in our Auxiliary," by Mrs Larke of Brockville, who captivated the audience by her bright and clever talk. She emphasized the importance of Watch Tower and Blackboard Work, also the using of missionaries and visitors to give missionary addresses; study of the annual report; and summed up by speaking of the vast importance of prayer and personal, individual work.

Mrs Culbert then rendered very sweetly a solo, "Not half has ever been told."

Miss Reynolds of George St. church, Brockville, gave a very interesting paper on "Mission Band Work" in which she emphasized most strongly the attitude of mothers and leaders in encouraging and training the children that they may be equipped to fill our places in auxiliary work later.

"After the convention, what?" was the pithy heading for a paper by Mrs D. Forth, wherein she urged the ladies to return to their home auxiliary with renewed spirit and strong resolution to do those things that tend to victory.

After the singing of the Consecration Hymn, Mrs Cornell conducted "Quiz on the Annual Report," at which an opportunity was given for questions, which proved to be a source of information to us all.

Mrs F. A. Read of Merrickville, Branch Corresponding Secretary, was introduced to the Convention at this juncture, and in her pleasing manner gave many helpful remarks. Some of the headings were:—

1. Value of the District Convention.

2. Time of holding the "

3. Place to hold "

4. Study the report "

5. Methods of work.

6. Missionary Library.

7. Tea table talk on what was done in Auxiliary.

It was the unanimous choice of the Convention that Mrs T. S. Kendrick be re-appointed District Organizer.

An impressive testimony meeting, which was opened by a verse of the Consecration Hymn, was conducted by Mrs Loverin.

About a hundred and fifty took tea in the dining room down stairs and spent a social hour together. Greetings from the sister societies of the town were here conveyed—through Mrs H. Kincaid of the Presbyterian church, Mrs Merrick of the church of England and Mrs J. Jones of the Baptist church.

Mrs (Rev) Hughes responded to the words of sympathy and love. On motion of Mrs Jones of Brockville, seconded by Mrs Empey, a vote of thanks was tendered to Athens ladies for their reception and hospitality.

After the singing of "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" and prayer by the pastor, the evening session was opened by remarks by the Rev S. J. Hughes, M. A., who presided.

The District Organizer gave her report, and urged the ladies who had not already identified themselves with the organization to do so, and thus be helped and be of service to others.

Mrs Loverin gave a paper on "Our Aim," which is: Every congregation to have an auxiliary and every woman a member of the auxiliary. Why? To stimulate high ideals and to increase funds. Then three results would be apparent—increased spirituality, increased knowledge and increased sympathy.

Mrs (Rev) Craig of Kingston rendered a solo very acceptably—"He was not willing that any should perish."

Mrs (Rev) S. J. Hughes gave "A glance at our field." The work done in Japan, China, among the Indians, Galicians and French, was brought within our vision, and though her task was a difficult one, in view of the short time at her disposal, she gave us a good idea of the different branches of work on the field, and pressed home to us the great need of still more Christian workers.

At this part of the evening's programme, Miss Slack and Mrs Derbyshire rendered a duet very sweetly entitled "I've a Savior, kind and tender."

Mrs Wm Towriss gave a very appropriate reading, "Unawares," which was followed by another duet by Miss Culbert and Mrs Derbyshire, "Wanted, Wanted!"

Mrs Read then held the rapt attention of the audience for the rest of the evening. She is thoroughly informed regarding the work, and whether in her presentation of the needs of the work or giving wholesome advice regarding the characters of our homes, "Plain living and high thinking" tending to the highest success, she is equally impressive. Then she gave wise counsel to weak auxiliaries, exalted our church periodicals, the titling system, and altogether gave something for each and everyone to carry away.

Mr Wesley Towriss sang very acceptably "The Wayside Cross" and Mrs Larke gave, by special request, a reading entitled "The White Gift," which left a lovely thought with us at the closing of our convention, after which the pastor pronounced the benediction.

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She leaves 8 children—Mrs J. A. Acheson of Regina, Mrs T. C. Singleton and Mrs J. H. Gallagher of Newboro, Mrs A. Kendrick and Mr E. Byington of Athens, Mrs (Rev) Craig of Kingston, Thomas of Smith's Falls and Holmes of Portland.

She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs Gallagher, Newboro, on March 5, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral services on March 8 was conducted in the Newboro Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Geo Wood, after which the remains were placed in the Newboro vault.

Funeral bearers—Thomas and Holmes Henderson, Rev Wm. Craig, J. H. Gallagher, T. C. Singleton, and H. Grahame.

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