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OUR MEETING IN HAMILTON.—We believe that almost every one came away from the Annual Meeting feeling that we had a thoroughly good and profitable time, yet we think that it can be improved upon next year. We would like to see arrangements made so that there would be more time for open meetings, questions, answers, discussions, etc. In the new arrangement in accordance with which the reports of Circles are given through the Directors, we feel that there is one defect. There is no provision for ascertaining what Circles are represented by delegates.

CONVENTION REPORTS.—The present number of the LINK, expanded to sixteen pages, is given up almost entirely to the reports of the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Societies of the Dominion and with matter from the foreign field. There has been gratifying progress all along the line, yet in no part of the vast home field has the limit been reached. All of those interested in the work feel as if little more than a beginning has been made, and all seem resolved to go forward to greater achievements. No one can read the reports of the Societies without being profoundly convinced of the vast importance of the Women's Missionary Societies as an agency for raising money, and above all for spreading missionary information and arousing missionary enthusiasm. If they have accomplished so much in the first ten years what may they not be expected to accomplish in the next ten, and the next? The motto adopted by common consent in all these Societies seems to be, *a Circle or Aid Society in every Church, and every Baptist woman a member and an active member of a Circle.* There is no reason why equal or greater progress should not characterize the work of the next year. We are getting better organized for work, and so long as the proportion of women who are interested in missions is so small there

is abundant room for extension. Let every reader try to make the year we are now entering upon richer in good works than any of its predecessors. The missionaries' letters are full of encouragement notwithstanding the sad bereavement they have experienced, and we have every reason to be thankful that so much has been accomplished. Yet how little it is in comparison with what remains to be done.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.—Last year our hearts were rejoiced to learn that the General Society of Ontario and Quebec had raised a larger sum than ever before and that a considerable balance remained in the treasury. On the strength of this balance and the increasing interest in missions of which it spoke, a new missionary, Mr. Auvache, was appointed. This year, notwithstanding increase in expenditure, a balance of \$364.78 is reported, the total receipts for the year being \$14,303.65. During the last two years Home Missions have been pushed as never before, and a large amount of money has been raised for the endowment of Woodstock College, as well as the usual amount for Ministerial Education. This shows: 1st. That our people are learning to give of their substance for the Lord's work, and 2nd. That raising money for our good cause does not interfere with contributions to others.

REV. W. G. BOGGS.—The visit of Rev. W. G. Boggs to Ontario and Quebec has been much appreciated by those who have had the privilege of hearing him. Besides speaking at the Eastern and Western Conventions, and at the Women's Meeting at Hamilton, he addressed the Students of Toronto Baptist College, and Woodstock College, and visited a large number of churches on behalf of the Foreign Mission Society. Few missionaries have succeeded in bringing so vividly before their hearers the conditions of missionary work. He won the hearts of the people wherever he went, and will long be remembered among us. Mr. Boggs is a native of the Maritime Provinces, and a graduate of Acadia College. He went out to India at first under the Maritime Society, but for some years has been in the employ of the American Baptist Missionary Union. He has now returned to his friends by the sea for a period of rest.