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## Editorial.

### CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario (West) will be held in Bloor St. Baptist church, Toronto, May the 12th and 13th.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Foreign Society will be held on Thursday the 12th.

### DELEGATES.

Each Circle is entitled to two delegates for a membership of twenty or less; for each additional twenty, one delegate. These delegates must be full members of the Society, that is, either life-members, or contributors of at least one dollar a year to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

### CERTIFICATES.

Railway certificates can be obtained from agents at starting points, on purchasing a first-class, full rate (one way) ticket. If delegates travel over two lines, it will be necessary to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway. These certificates must be surrendered to ticket agents at place of meeting ten minutes before train time, when return tickets will be issued at one-third fare. The certificates are only good for use three days after the meetings close, and if the delegates go and return on the same line.

### BOARD MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in Bloor St. Baptist church, Wednesday, May 11th, at 10 p.m.

Cards will be sent to members of the Board.

**BILLETING.**—Delegates desiring entertainment will apply to Mrs. W. J. Robertson, No. 15 Avenue Road, Toronto.

A. MOYLE, *Rec. Sec.*

**A GENEROUS GIFT.**—A widow, whose husband's life had been insured for \$10,000, has sent to Secretary McDiarmid a cheque for \$1,000, to be equally divided between Foreign Missions and Manitoba and British Columbia Missions. She feels sure that her departed loved one "would have been glad to know that one-tenth of it (the insurance policy), at least, would go towards helping in the work in which he was so much interested."

**THE FAMINE IN INDIA.**—Rev. J. Heinrichs, of Ramapatam, India, in a recent article in the *Examiner*, writes of the famine that is setting in among the Telugus, its causes and its cure. He considers the efforts of statesmen to be inadequate to prevent famine, and is of the opinion that "the salvation of India," even from a material point of view, "lies in Christ and the acceptance of Christianity." "After India becomes Christian," he declares, "we shall no longer hear of physical or spiritual famine. The principal cause of famine in this land is undoubtedly its pernicious agricultural system, by which every valuable article the land produces is either eaten or sold away, and nothing is returned to the soil in any proportion to that which is taken away. Crop follows crop without intermission, so that Indian agriculture is simply a process of exhaustion. 'An exhausting agriculture and an increasing population must come to a dead lock.' India is increasing in population, notwithstanding the plague, famine and constant cholera, and every increase of population aggravates the danger." He does not show us just how, in his conception, the prevalence of Christianity will remedy these economic and social conditions, but his idea no doubt is that the elevation of the people by Christian teaching, will lead to the maintenance of a higher standard of living, to the use of better methods of agriculture, to the laying by of reserves for years of scarcity, and to the limitation of population through later marriages, etc., to the capacity of the land.

**REV. ERNEST GRIGG.**—Mr. and Mrs. Grigg are soon to return to Burmah, to resume the work relinquished two or three years ago, on account of Mrs. Grigg's health. Since returning to Canada Mr. Grigg has labored successfully at Chatham and Guelph. He has just declined a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Church, Guelph, in favor of the foreign work. The Guelph Church are loath to part with these consecrated workers, who have within the past few months of their sojourn there, greatly endeared themselves to the membership, and to the community.

**"ARE THE HEATHEN LOST?"**—An able and convincing paper on this subject read by Dr. C. Goodspeed, at the London Convention, and published a short time ago in the *Canadian Baptist*, has been put into tract form by the Ontario and Quebec Board, and is offered for judicious distribution to Churches, Mission Circles, and