

## The Eastern Society

### CONVENTION OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, 1922

Mrs. H. W. Hamilton, Convention Reporter.

Rain! Darkness! Cold! A ten mile motor drive! Such were the conditions under which a good many of the delegates of the Annual Convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, arrived at Osgoode, Ont. But any gloomy impressions were at once swept away, when we stepped into the warm, brightly lighted church building, and were met by the happy faces, and hearty welcome of the Osgoode people. Osgoode Baptist Church! The home of our pioneer Missionary, Rev. John McLaurin; of D. A. MacGregor, past Principal of McMaster, author of our McMaster Hymn; of Missionary H. F. LaFlamme; and of others almost as useful in His Service. A Women's Mission Circle was organized in this Church in 1881, only five years after our Parent Society was organized. Could our welcome be other than cordial, and our entertainment less than royal, from the splendid people.

About 100 delegates registered, and the first session of the 46th annual meeting of the Foreign Society, opened on Wednesday, October 11th, at 9.30 a.m., with the President, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, in the chair. In her message to the Convention, Mrs. Ayer felt that our hearts should be filled with gratitude for God's leading, for a full treasury, for answered prayer, for open doors, for souls redeemed, for the sparing of our missionaries' lives, for the wonderful promise of our Young Women's Circles, for the great privilege of being co-workers with Him; and urged us to remember that the secret of power in our work was Abiding in Christ.

The devotional exercises of all three sessions followed out this thought, and made us all very conscious of His presence in our midst. The Quiet Hour was

led in the morning by Mrs. Metcalf (Thurso), in the afternoon by Mrs. Laflair (Kingston), and in the evening by Miss Verity from the Young Women's Circle of First Church, Montreal.

The reports from the Associational Directresses were very encouraging, a total of \$6,638.15 being collected from 57 Circles, 14 Y. W. Circles, 36 Bands, and other societies. The Convention expressed its deep regret that Mrs. Metcalf was unable to continue her valuable work as Directress of the Ottawa Association; this work will now be done by Mrs. E. Richards (Ottawa), who was introduced by her predecessor.

The first part of the afternoon session was given to the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley; the Recording Secretary, Miss Bentley; the Treasurer, Mrs. John Kirkland; and the Committee on Appropriations. These will appear in full in another part of the Link, but we would wish to bring to the attention of the readers the great care and work which has gone into the making of these reports, and also to the fact that money for the Treasury came in so slowly during the first part of the year. On September 21st a special Board Prayer Meeting was held because the Treasury was behind \$1,100.00. God's miraculous power was shown in answer when all the money came in before the books closed on September 25th.

Miss Tester's report as Supt. of Supplies was good, but we feel that many are not using this Department of our work. We would call your attention to Miss Tester's address—369 Prince Albert Ave., Westmount, Que. "The Link" and the New Study Books were brought to our notice and ably recommended by Mrs. A. A. Smith (Cornwall).

Our hearts were touched and our