

REPORT ANNUAL MEETING

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As the result of the Special appeal to the branches to raise funds to enable us to give a helping hand to some of the most urgent of the many Missionary objects in the North-West I have received \$195. Of this \$15 was designated by the givers, but the remaining \$180 is left to the discretion of this Meeting to apportion as we think best, and, if I may do so, I would plead earnestly that we should not overlook our old friends and their needs, in order to take up new objects, however interesting they may be. When the Bishop of MacKenzie River was here, the Auxiliary, as a body, and also as individuals, was full of enthusiasm; and though we did not actually pledge ourselves to *continue* our gifts to him, I feel sure that he inferred (and with very good reason), that we should not forget him and his distant Diocese. But alas! new comers pleaded eloquently too, and I fear our old friend, not being on the spot, is almost forgotten and I have but \$20, to send him against \$147 last year.

To the Bishop of Athabaska I have sent \$72, and to the Revd. G. Rogers of Ruperts Land for the Mission Fund there, \$54, which amount was collected at the Meeting held when he was here. Far be it from me to wish to turn a deaf ear to any of those devoted Missionaries or to refuse to help them; but I strongly deprecate the somewhat childish way of *dropping* one to take up another.

The Missionary's daughter that our branch has been educating brings her School days to a close this year.

She has been the special care of the Misses Penny in London, with whom she has boarded, and our kind friend Mrs Boomer, to whom we owe so much, has been like a mother to her. The three years that she has spent at school in London, have been, I trust, profitable to her in every way and to us there has been nothing but pleasure; not one jarring note has disturbed the perfect harmony of our intercourse throughout those three years. We were, I fancy, particularly fortunate in the selection of a girl, who appreciated to the full her advantages, and exerted herself to make the most of her opportunities.

Miss Sugden's visit to some of the branches roused our women to exert themselves to help the women of India, and I had the pleasure of sending to the Treasurer of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, \$118.06, nearly three times as much as we sent last year. As I have kept the accounts open until the very last moment, I am obliged to