

among many women in our church may be removed, that those who are not in sympathy with us may be brought to see clearly their duty and privilege in this respect, and that all those already engaged in the work may be quickened to deeper earnestness and to greater effort.

DR. WILHELMINA GRANT FRASER AND MISS ROSS, our missionaries, who left Canada for India some time ago, sailed on the 22nd ult. from England for Bombay, per steamship Roumania.

Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Watt.

MR. AND MRS. WATT, for more than twenty years missionaries in Tanna, New Hebrides, visited Toronto on their way to resume their labours after a year's furlough in Scotland. The island of Tanna, as all who have read the autobiography of Mr. J. G. Paton are aware, is a field of exceeding difficulty and danger. Notwithstanding persistent and violent opposition, the work of Mr. Watt and other missionaries has been blessed to the conversion of not a few of these poor people. There are now from four to five hundred professing Christians on the island, most of them learning to read, and about seven hundred in all who attend worship. The rest of the population, numbering seven thousand, are still cannibals and savages.

A meeting of the ladies convened by the Board was held on December 1st in St. James' Square Church, Mrs. MacLaren presiding, to hear an address by Mrs. Watt. All were delighted with the brief but clear account of the work which she presented, and with her graphic descriptions of the people, their religion, customs, dress and appearance. The condition of the women is very degraded and their suffering severe. It is, however, a remarkable fact that though the men are much given to drunkenness, the women are altogether free from this vice. When Mr. and Mrs. Watt entered Tanna, four years after Mr. Paton was driven out, they encountered great hardships and dangers from the persistent hostility of the natives. The first ten years were "dreadful years." There were earthquakes of frequent recurrence, annual hurricanes, and constant peril. Repeatedly threatened with fire and death, scarcely a night did they lie down to sleep