

REPORT OF THE Auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society

The season of the year has once more returned when it is necessary for us to take a retrospective view of the work of our Society. From the very nature of our work our Report must be brief, and to *outsiders* devoid of interest. We can relate no thrilling incidents, nor tell of great accomplishments, for the basis of our operations lies far away in heathen hearts, and their success eternity alone will reveal.

First, we desire to recognize the kind hand of the Heavenly Father in His dealings with us during the year that is gone, and would render unto Him hearty thanks for His preserving care, that all our members have been spared, and have been the recipients of countless blessings and mercies, far beyond what we could ask or think.

We regret that we cannot report a large increase of membership, and of interest shown in the cause of missions, for our hearts have been saddened and discouraged by the small attendance at our monthly meetings; on the other hand the increasing attendance and interest shown in our Thanksgiving service are most cheering and encouraging. Each year has brought a larger number and larger contributions. We were greatly favored in having with us Mrs. McDonald, from Calcutta, who gave us a very instructive address upon the condition of women in India, and the whole meeting was much enjoyed. About 50 ladies were present, and the offerings amounted to well-nigh \$66.00. When we looked at the gathering we earnestly hoped that many, if not all, might have been permanently interested, but alas! the November meeting brought only seven. When we leave out of consideration our Thanksgiving meeting, the average attendance has only been fourteen. It is sad enough to find, that out of our large congregation only thirty-seven names are on our roll, but how much more sad to think, that of that number only about fourteen actually attend the meetings; only fourteen, who, (judging by their actions) take any real interest in the work; only fourteen who care whether our missionaries live or die, whether souls are being saved from eternal death or not; only fourteen who can spare two hours in the whole month from their own concerns to meet for prayer on the behalf of those poor women and children in the East, those child wives and widows, the