

St. Andrew's W. F. M. S. Auxiliary Report

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Our Foreign Mission Work this year has greatly languished, the small attendance each month and lack of interest almost paralyzing the efforts of the officers.

But, convinced that the work was *the Lord's*, we felt the fault must be our own, and that if we used the *right means*, the Living God, who knows the need for earnest individual effort, would certainly bless with success our sincere desire to serve Him in this department of Women's Work.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord;" *therefore* we are not utterly cast down, but now, after our Annual Meeting and reconstruction of methods for the year, are, on the contrary, greatly encouraged at the bright prospect before us!

Last year we were forty-seven members, of whom during the year we lost six by removal to other spheres of usefulness, and three by death, leaving on the old list thirty-eight. Several of the former were most regular, faithful workers, among them Mrs. Thomson, who was with us from the start, twelve years ago, and who now, with her esteemed husband, is counterbalancing our loss by the gain to Knox Church, South London, of their efficient help.

Of those taken from us by death we would reverently mention Mrs. William Gordon, whose ready, Christian activities wherever required had been greatly missed. The other two were Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Strathdee, who, from age and infirmity, expressed their interest by contributions to the cause without attending; but with such a loss—nine in one year—there was reason on the human side for weakness.

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