

ing of a suitable gymnasium, which will be ready for use at the beginning of the Fall Term. The names of the donors will be handed to the Clerk for insertion in the Minutes.

SAMUEL ROGERS,
Chairman.

LXXI. The W. F. M. S. presented the following Report and Financial Statement: We would encourage Friends to give all the help possible to this important branch of Church work. A subscription list was opened, and \$108.35 subscribed.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CANADA
Y. M. OF FRIENDS, 1897-8.

As we look back over the years since our organization we cannot but praise our Heavenly Father for the marvellous way in which He has led us; and while in this our 13th Annual Report we have to record that which seemed at first disappointment and loss, already we are catching a glimpse of our Father's guiding hand, so that we can confidently hope that what seemed to us disaster, will yet prove a means of establishing on a broader and firmer basis, the work of Friends in Japan.

In 12th mo. last, quite unexpectedly to him and us, Gurney Binford's health failed through strain of over-work, so that it was deemed necessary for him to return to America for a time to rest. As he comes to us this year for the first time, we trust our interest in the work will be widened, and that through our intercourse with him we will feel more deeply our responsibility in the work.

At home our statistical report shows an increase in membership, and many of them show a marked increase in interest. Two Auxiliaries have been formed in Manitoba.

We have, aside from the support of our missionary Gurney Binford, provided for the support of Manje Kato and his wife in their work in

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